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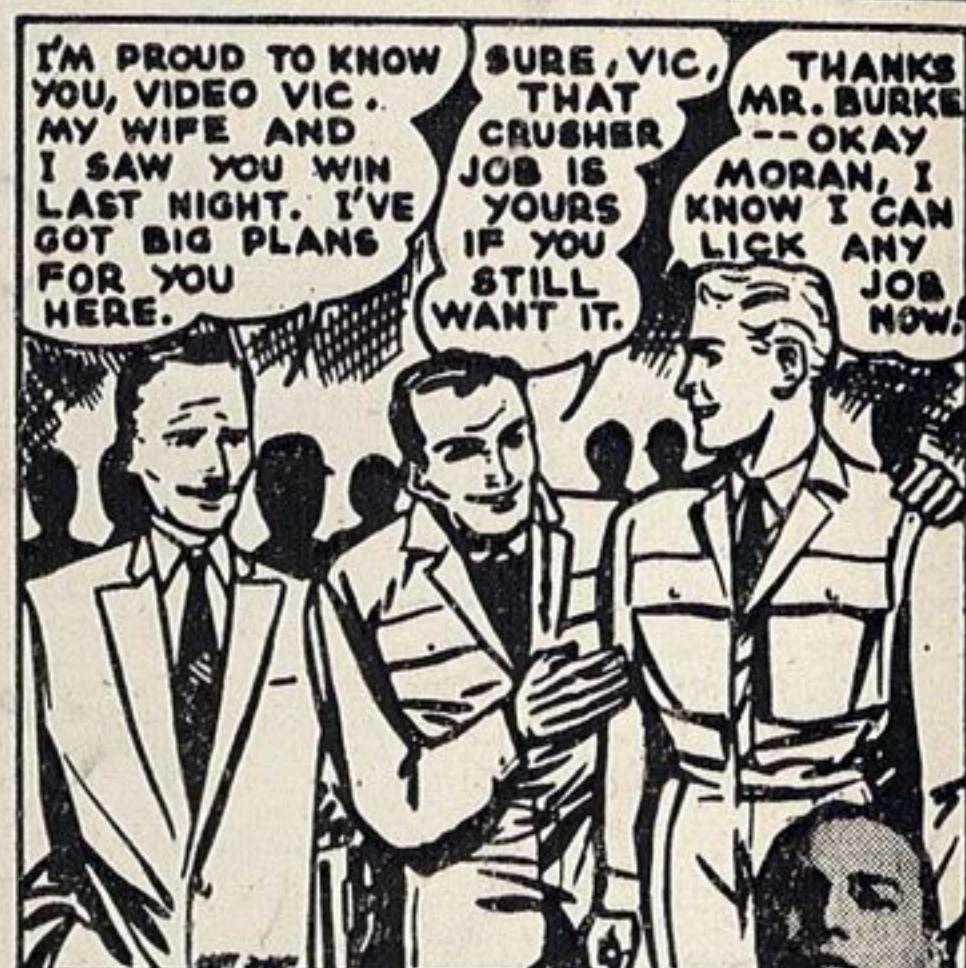
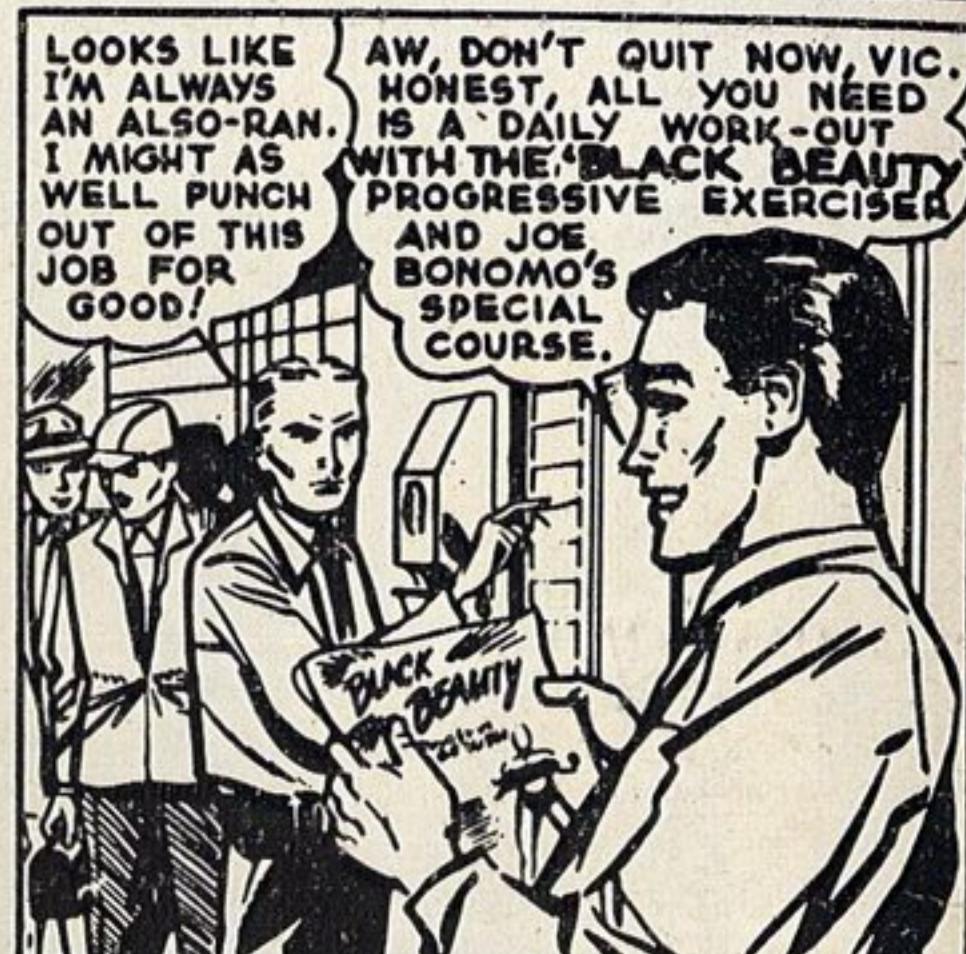
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The TINY SPACE-GIRL!

THERE IT IS -- THE MINIATURE PLANET WHERE I'LL FIND HER!

KENNETH Landau

IT ALL BEGAN AT THE HARKNESS ROCKET FOUNDATION, WHERE A GROUP OF AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING RESEARCH SCIENTISTS WERE TACKLING THE FANTASTIC DIFFICULTIES OF SPACE TRAVEL --

--AND I REPEAT, GENTLEMEN -- THE SPLITTING OF THE ATOM HAS OPENED UP NEW VISTAS OF JET POWER! NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!



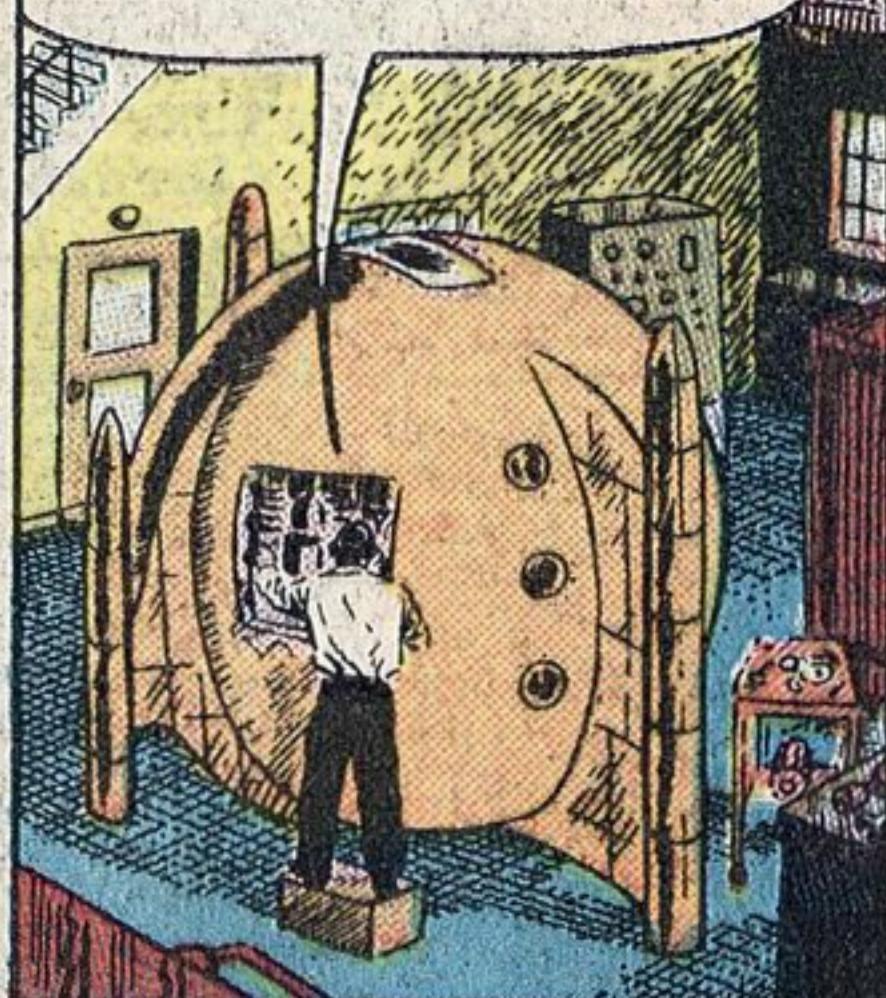
THOUGH I WAS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE FOUNDATION, IT WAS IN MY NATURE TO WORK STRICTLY ALONE! MY ONLY COMPANION WAS NESTER, A CROTCHETY OLD HOUSEKEEPER.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU NOT TO FUSS AROUND IN HERE? YOU'LL JUST DISARRANGE THINGS! BAH! YOU MEN -- YOU'RE ALL SLOPPY!

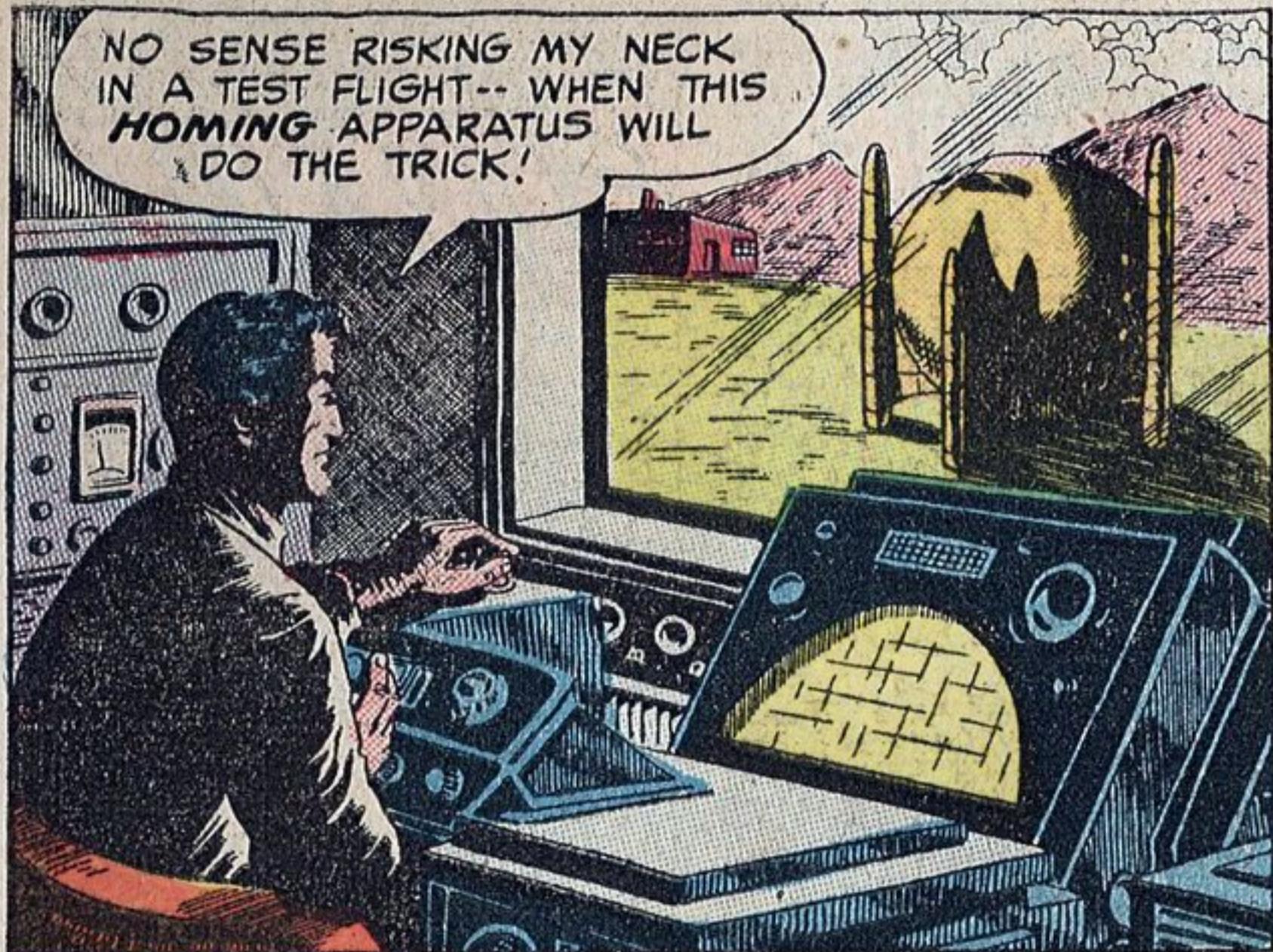


I WAS CONVINCED THAT ONLY A CIRCULAR CRAFT, ABSORBING PRESSURE AND FRICTION EQUALLY ON ITS SURFACE, HAD A CHANCE IN OUTER SPACE --

PRETTY SOON I'LL BE READY TO TEST THIS BABY -- BY REMOTE CONTROL!



I'D WORKED OUT SOME REVOLUTIONARY THEORIES CONCERNING ATOMIC GENERATORS, AND I WAS SURE THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN MY ROCKET COULD BLAST IT OUT OF THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE--



THE CRAFT'S MAIDEN VOYAGE LASTED TWO HOURS, AND WHEN I DIRECTED IT BACK TO EARTH THE RESULTS WERE DISCOURAGING--



I'D LEARNED TO BE A PATIENT MAN, BUT THE FOLLOWING MONTHS WERE MADDENINGLY DISAPPOINTING! SPHERE AFTER SPHERE CAME BACK CRUSHED, THOUGH I KEPT DECREASING THE SIZE--



WHEN AT LAST I ACHIEVED SUCCESS, I REALIZED THAT ONE OF SCIENCE'S GREAT HOPES WAS DOOMED--



GRIMLY, I REPORTED MY FINDINGS--

AND SO IT IS EVIDENT THAT MAN CANNOT TRAVEL IN SPACE!

NONSENSE! YOUR CIRCULAR PRINCIPLE WAS WRONG-- I'VE ALWAYS INSISTED WE STICK TO CONVENTIONAL DESIGN! OR ARE YOU GIVING UP?

SAY WHAT YOU WILL ABOUT DISINTERESTED TEAMWORK, MOST SCIENTISTS ARE FIERCELY PROUD AND COMPETITIVE! IT WAS A LONG AND BITTER ARGUMENT--

I'LL NEVER ABANDON THE ATTEMPT TO BRIDGE SPACE! BUT ACTUAL TRAVEL IS OUT-- I'M AFRAID THE ONLY WAY IS THROUGH MORE POWERFUL TELESCOPES!

I'VE GOT SOME OPTICAL THEORIES!

YOU'RE BEING RIDICULOUS, MARLOWE!

THEIR SCORN ENRAGED ME! GONE WAS MY COOL DETACHMENT, AS I VOWED TO MAKE THEM EAT THEIR WORDS--

FOOLS-- ALL OF THEM! TELESCOPIC DESIGN IS STILL PRIMITIVE-- WHY CAN'T I BUILD ONE WITH LIMITLESS POWER?



FAILURE AFTER FAILURE! I WORKED NIGHT AND DAY TESTING, DISCARDING--AND MY TEMPER BECAME SHORT--

STOP CLEANING UP IN HERE, HESTER! DON'T LET ME TELL YOU AGAIN!

PIG STIES! THAT'S WHAT YOU MEN WANT TO LIVE IN!

ATOMIC POWER AND PRISMATIC GLASS FISSION--MY INTUITION TOLD ME THIS WAS THE MAGIC COMBINATION! AND THEN, ONE NIGHT, MY WILDEST HOPES WERE REALIZED! I TRAINED THE TELESCOPE ON THE MOON, AND ITS SURFACE WAS CLEAR AS THE LINES ON MY HAND! IT WAS STAGGERING--

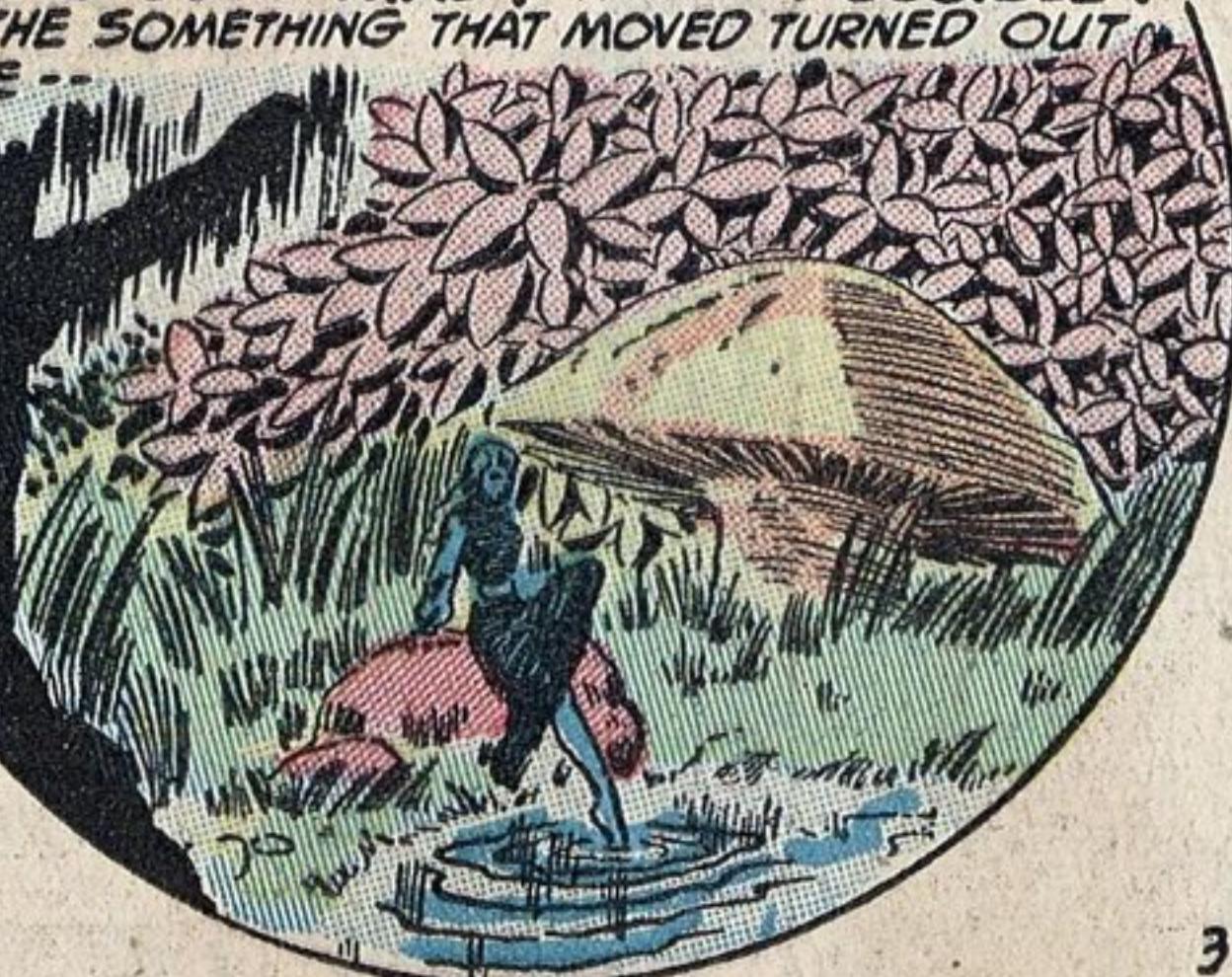
FEVERISHLY I SCANNED ALL THE KNOWN PLANETS, AND SAW THEM REVEALED SO HUGELY, SO CLEARLY, AS TO BE MIRACULOUS! MY FINGERS TREMBLED AS I TURNED THE POWER UP--

THE NEAR NEBULAE ARE CHILD'S PLAY! SUPPOSE I TRAIN IT ON THE OUTER UNIVERSE?

IT WAS AWE-INSPIRING--THAT FIRST VIEW OF THE DISTANT COSMIC REACHES! BUT IN THE 17TH QUADRANT, WHERE NO MATTER WAS SUPPOSED TO EXIST, I MADE OUT A SPECK--AND I TURNED THE POWER STILL HIGHER--

UP, UP WENT THE CURRENT, AND THE SPECK BECAME A GRAIN, A CLOD, A LUMP, AND THEN--A PLANET! CONTINENTS AND WATER--AS ON OUR OWN EARTH! COMPULSIVELY, MY HAND TURNED THE POWER CONTROLS STILL HIGHER!

WAS THERE NO LIMIT TO THE POWER I HAD HARNESSED? I PULLED THE CONTINENTS CLOSE, SAW MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS AND VEGETATION! CLOSER, EVER CLOSER--AND THEN SOMETHING MOVED ON THE SURFACE OF THE LAND! IN A FRENZY, I CALLED ON MORE POWER, AND THEN--WAS I GOING MAD? WAS IT POSSIBLE? FOR THE SOMETHING THAT MOVED TURNED OUT TO BE--



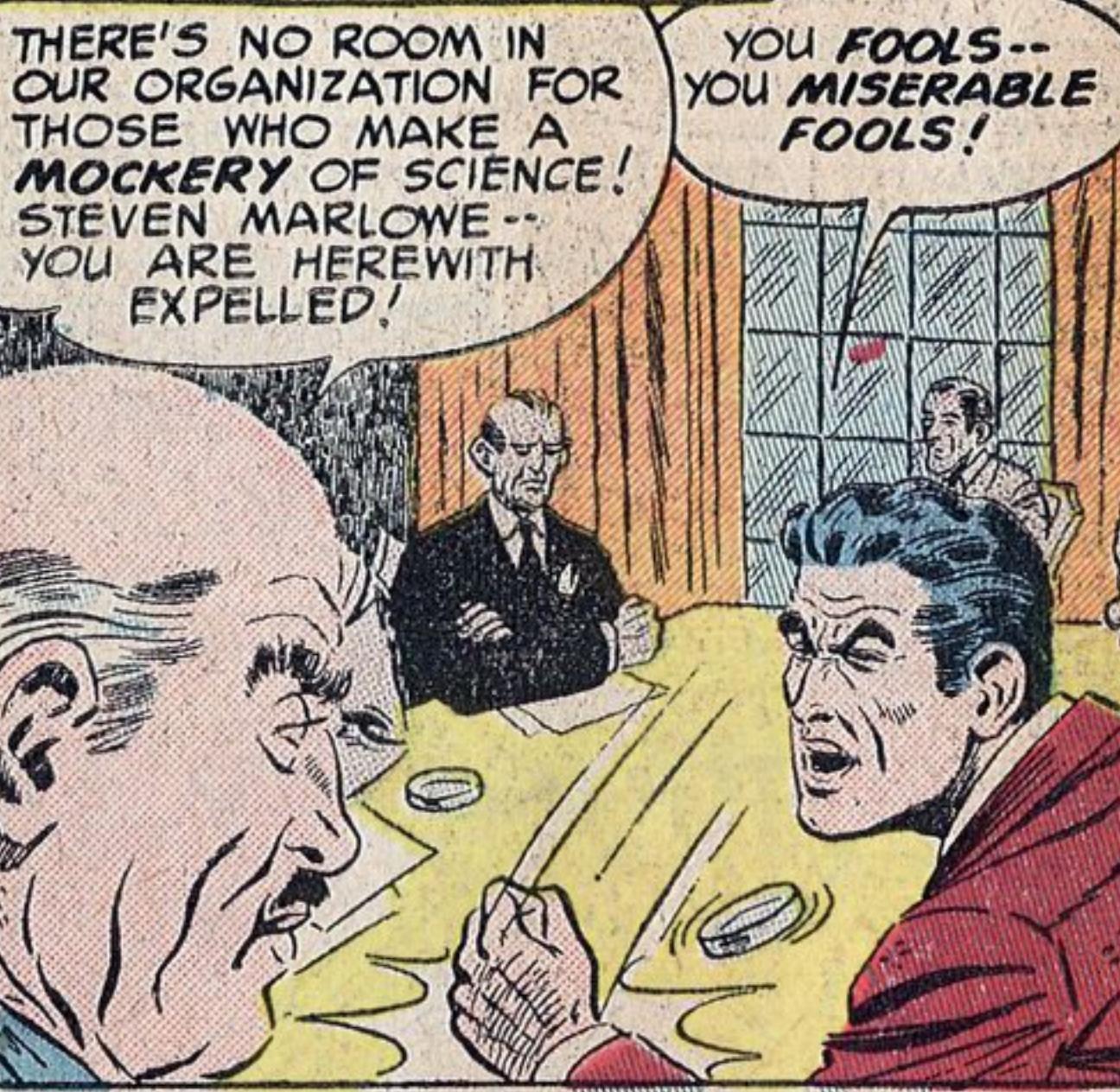
A...A TINY HUMAN BEING! THAT MUSHROOM TOWERS ABOVE HER--AM I DREAMING? SHE...SHE'S SO LOVELY--EXQUISITE! I...I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF HER!



THAT SPACE-GIRL BECAME AN OBSESSION WITH ME! NIGHT AFTER NIGHT I WATCHED HER, FASCINATED BY HER EVERY MOVE! PROUDLY, I ANNOUNCED MY REVOLUTIONARY ACHIEVEMENT--



"A FAKER!" THEY SAID. "IN LOVE WITH THE PRODUCT OF A FEVERED IMAGINATION!" AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING--



EVEN THE NEWSPAPERS TOOK UP THE CHANT OF FAKER-- AND I WAS A LAUGHING-STOCK! MY ONLY SOLACE WAS WATCHING MY UNKNOWN GIRL EACH NIGHT! THE REST OF THE TIME I WAS TOO UNHAPPY EVEN TO KEEP HESTER OUT OF MY LAB--



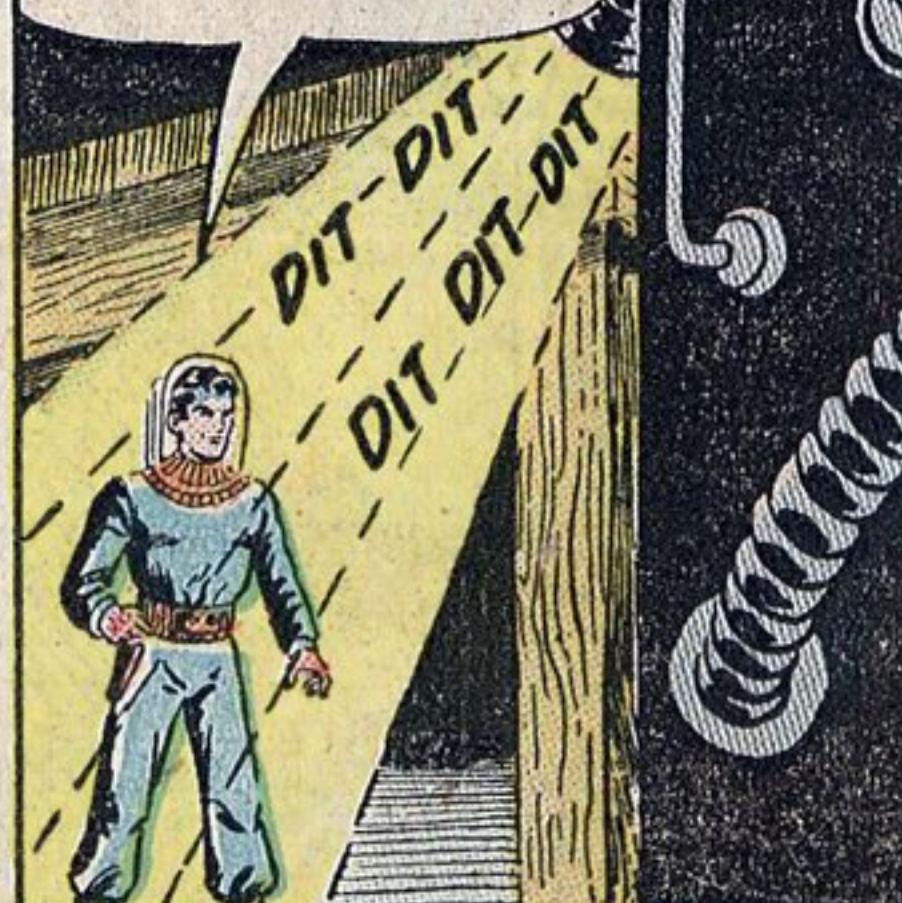
IT WAS THEN THAT MY GREAT IDEA CAME! WHY COULDN'T I BE WITH HER? WASN'T MY MOTO-- **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE**? THERE WERE TWO PROBLEMS: MY TREMENDOUS SIZE COMPARED TO HERS, AND GETTING THERE! BUT THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEM 1 WOULD AUTOMATICALLY SOLVE THE SECOND!

THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WERE FANTASTIC, BUT I HAD MY PRIDE AND MY LOVE FOR THIS STRANGE GIRL TO SPUR ME ON! AT LAST THE COSMIC RAY DIRECTOR WAS BUILT, AND MY PROTECTIVE SUIT! PRAYERFULLY, I FLIPPED THE SWITCH CONTAINED IN MY BELT BUCKLE--



IT WAS WEIRD! THERE I WAS... SHRINKING, SHRINKING... AND THE ROOM AROUND ME BECAME LIKE SOMETHING FROM *ALICE IN WONDERLAND*!

I'M SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT INTO MY LITTLE SPACE SPHERE NOW!



I'D BUILT A SPACE VEHICLE AND AN INTERPLANETARY TELESCOPE-- WHY COULDN'T I SOLVE THIS PROBLEM? AND BEST OF ALL-- I HAD AN IDEA--

OF COURSE! WE'VE KNOWN ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS SHRINKING EFFECT OF COSMIC RAYS FOR YEARS! IT'S ALL A MATTER OF SUFFICIENT CONCENTRATION AND FLEXIBLE METALLIC SHEATHING TO PROTECT AGAINST RADIATION!

THE TINY HEART WITHIN ME BEAT LIKE A TOM-TOM! BUT NOW THAT I'D SUCCEEDED, PRACTICAL PROBLEMS AROSE--



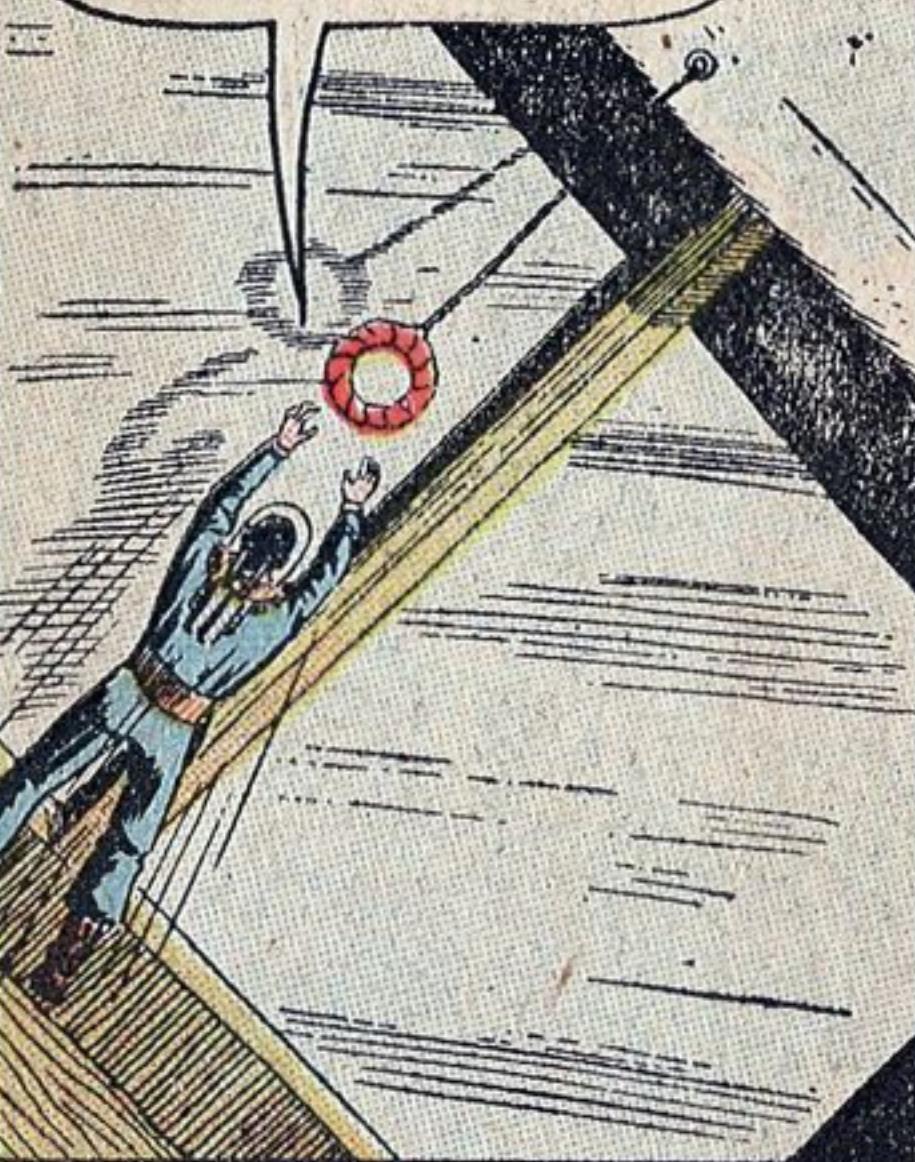
NO BRAINS REQUIRED NOW--
ONLY BRAWN! GETTING UP
THAT DRAPE WAS DANGEROUS
WORK!

I SHOULD'VE PUT
THE SPHERE ON THE
FLOOR! STUPID OVERSIGHT!



ON THE WINDOW SILL I LEAPED
FOR THE SHADE --

SHOULD WORK JUST
LIKE AN ELEVATOR --



WITH MY TINY DIMENSIONS, THE
SLIGHTEST SLIP WOULD HAVE
MEANT DEATH --

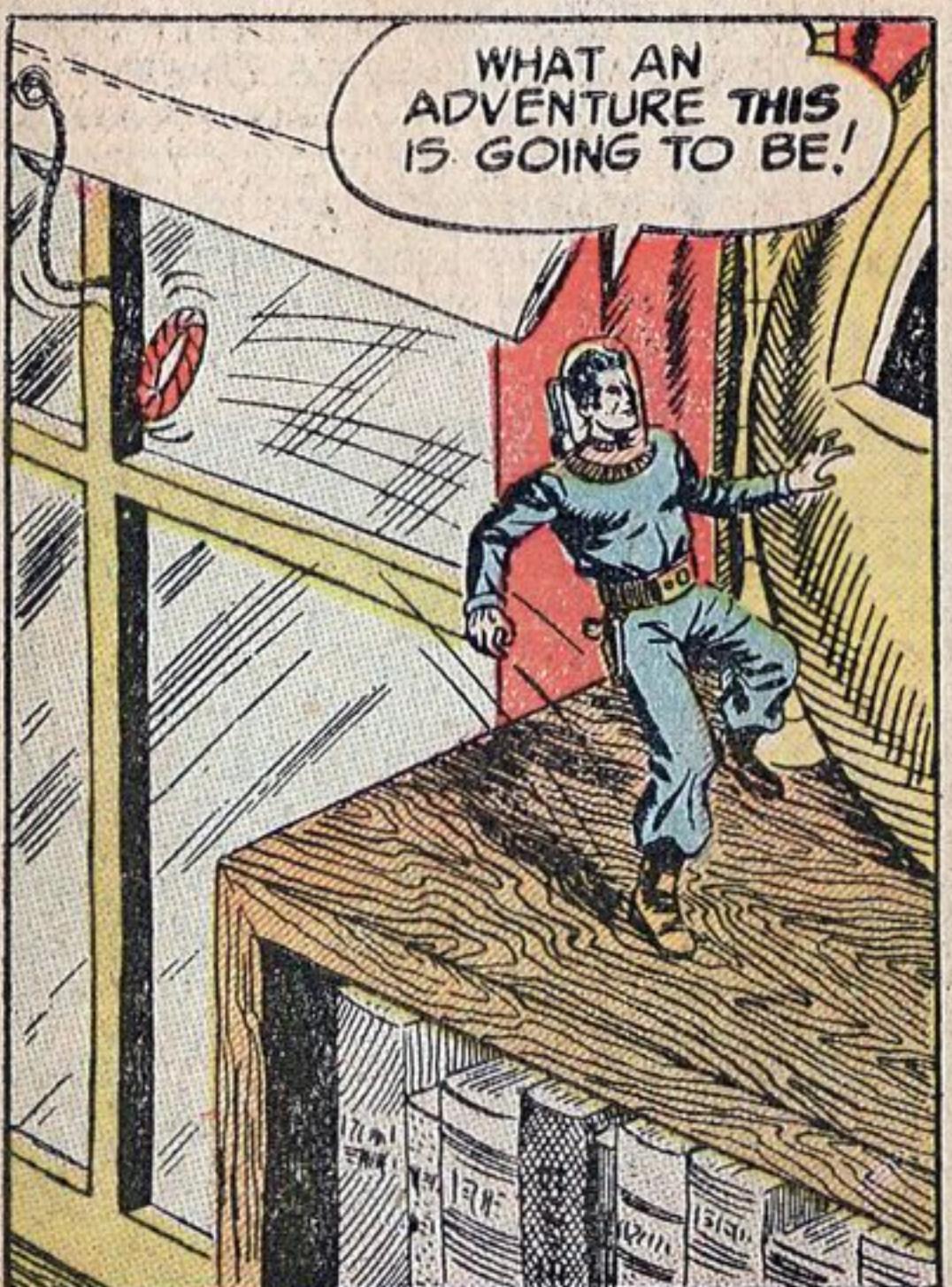
THIS SHOULD BRING
ME HIGH ENOUGH!



WHAT AN
ADVENTURE THIS
IS GOING TO BE!

WITHIN THE SPHERE, EVERYTHING
SEEMED NORMAL SIZE -- IT WAS
EERIE! WITHOUT HESITATION, I
PULLED THE POWER SWITCH --

SOON -- I'LL BE
WITH HER!



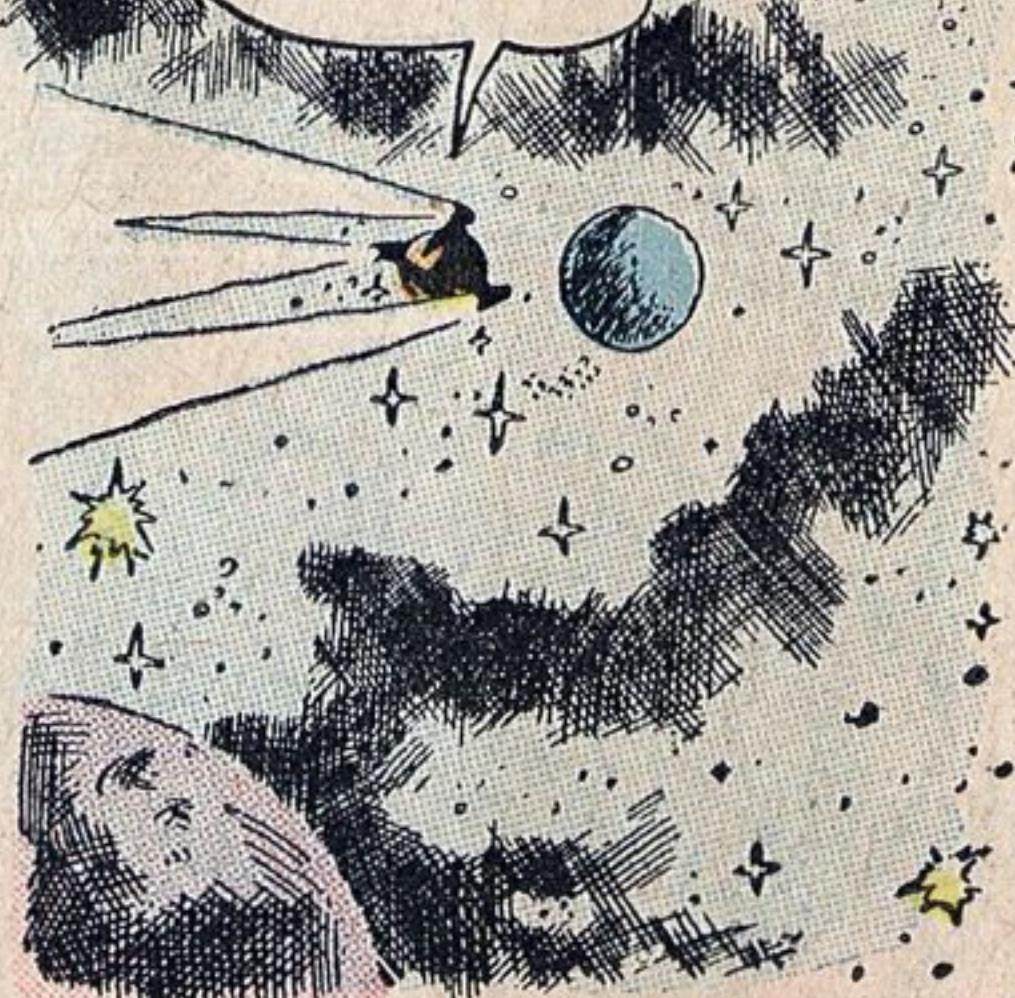
EVEN AT THE LOW POWER OF
HALF-LIGHT SPEED, THE EARTH
WAS SOON LEFT FAR BEHIND --

I'VE GOT TO GET
INTO RARIFIED
SPACE! THE TINIEST
SPECK OF MATTER
AROUND HERE
MIGHT MEAN
DISASTER!



IT WAS THRILLING BEYOND
IMAGINATION OR DESCRIPTION!
AT TOP VELOCITY, I ROARED
THROUGH OUTER SPACE
TOWARDS MY DESTINATION --

THERE IT IS -- THE
PLANET WHERE
SHE IS!



THROBBING WITH ANTICIPATION, I
BROUGHT MY CRAFT DOWN FOR
A LANDING --

THIS IS THE
GREATEST
SCIENTIFIC
ACHIEVEMENT
IN HISTORY!



JOYFULLY, I VENTURED ONTO THE SURFACE OF MY ADOPTED LAND! YES, I HAD LEFT MY PLANET FOR GOOD, AND HERE, I THOUGHT, WAS WHERE I'D LIVE OUT MY LIFE...

HOW ENORMOUS EVERYTHING IS-- GRASS WHICH ONCE WOULDN'T HAVE REACHED MY ANKLES! IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME GETTING USED TO IT--- BUT IT'LL BE WORTH IT--FOR HER!

BUT SAFETY DIDN'T LAST LONG! UNIMAGINABLE PERILS TO ONE OF MY SIZE WERE ON ALL SIDES--

GREAT SCOTT! WHAT IS IT?



GOOD THING I TOOK THIS PISTOL ALONG-- OR I'D'VE BEEN A GONER! AND IT'S ACTUALLY NOTHING BUT A BIG ANT!

BANG! BANG!



I WAS EXAMINING MY VICTIM WITH INTEREST WHEN ANOTHER MENACE APPEARED-- NO DOUBT DRAWN BY THE SHOT--

HUH? WHO ARE THEY?

SEIZE HIM!



THOUGH I GAVE A GOOD ACCOUNT OF MYSELF, THEIR NUMBERS WERE OVERPOWERING--

TELL YOUR STORY TO SANDOR! HE WILL KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH A SPY OF THE PRINCESS!

LET ME EXPLAIN!



I WAS DRAGGED BEFORE THEIR CHIEF, SANDOR-- AND IN THE BACKGROUND I WAS DIMLY AWARE OF A BELEAGUERED CITY--

I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BELIEVE MY STORY, BUT--

SILENCE, FOOL! I KNOW NOT WHY YOUR STRANGE GARB -- BUT I KNOW YOU MUST BE IN LEAGUE WITH THE PRINCESS! YOU SHALL DIE WITH ALL THE OTHERS IN THAT CITY WHEN IT FALLS BEFORE ME!



EVEN NOW THE FORTRESS'S DOOM IS ORDAINED! TRAITOROUS SOLDIERS WITHIN ITS GATES HAVE BEEN BRIED TO DESERT THE NORTH GATE AT DAWN! TOMORROW I SHALL BE KING!-- TAKE THE PRISONER AWAY!



WHOEVER SANDOR WAS, I IMMEDIATELY BECAME HIS ENEMY! I DETERMINED TO WARN THE PRINCESS IN TIME, AND AS SOON AS DARKNESS FELL I SPRANG INTO ACTION--

THIS CRUDE LOCK IS CHILD'S PLAY FOR A SCIENTIFIC BRAIN! AND I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR ANY GUARDS WHO MAY BE AROUND!



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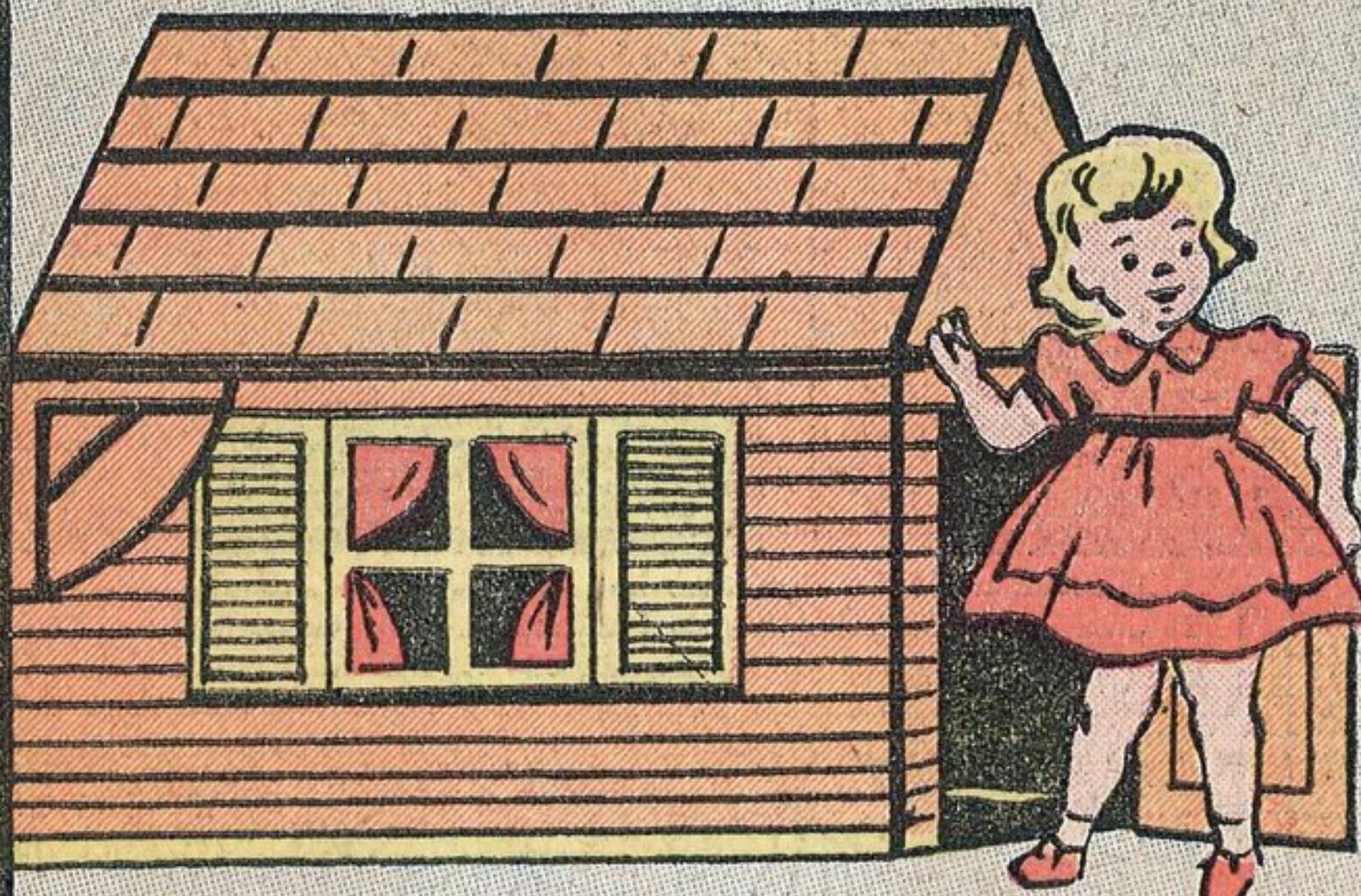
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IN MY BELT, I HAD A SMALL PELLET
CONTAINING A POWERFUL ANESTHETIC,
WHICH I DIDN'T HESITATE TO USE--

WH-WHAT MAGIC
IS THIS?
UH--

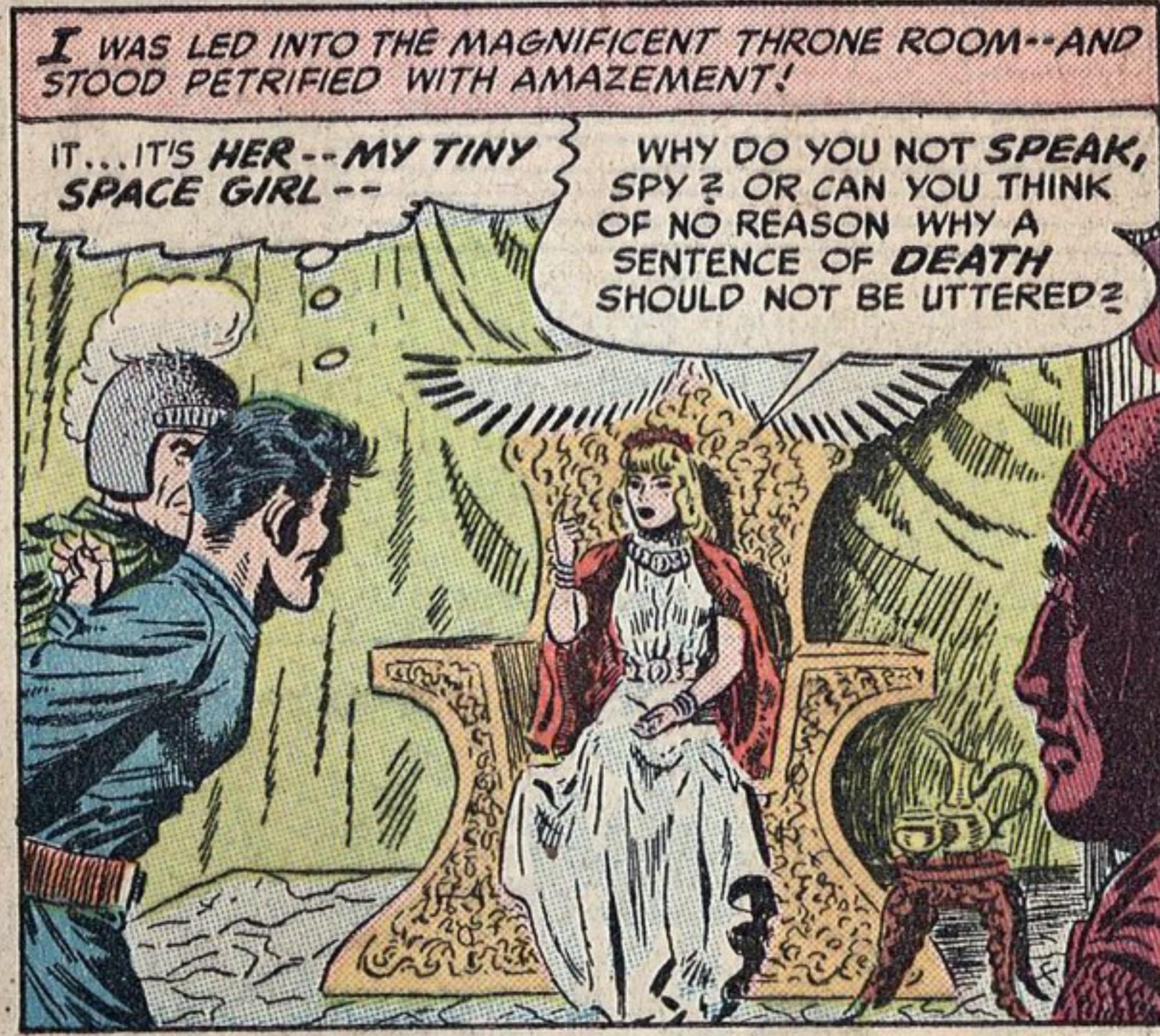
SO FAR, SO
GOOD!

STEALTHILY, I CREST THROUGH
THE ENEMY CAMP, AND THEN
RACED TOWARD MY DESTINA-
TION! SURE ENOUGH --

THIS GATE IS UNDEFENDED--
AS SANDOR SAID! I'VE GOT
TO REACH THE PRINCESS --

I HADN'T PENETRATED VERY FAR
INTO THE DARK CITY WHEN--

OVERPOWER
HIM!



AT ONCE I TOLD VALRA OF THE OPEN GATE AND THE TRAITOROUS SOLDIERS--

OF MYSELF I CAN SAY ONLY THAT I AM A STRANGER FROM AFAR-- BUT A FRIEND!

WE WILL GO SEE WHETHER YOU SPEAK TRUTH! IF YOU LIE, IT WILL GO HARD!



IT-IT IS TRUE! WHEN SAID YOU THE ATTACK COMES, STRANGER?

AT DAWN! LET US CLOSE THE GATE AND MAN ALL POSTS! SANDOR HASN'T DEFEATED US YET!



IN THE PRINCESS'S CONFERENCE ROOM, THE GENERALS DREW A DIRE PICTURE--

WE CANNOT RESIST SANDOR MUCH LONGER! OUR NUMBERS ARE DEPLETED AND EXHAUSTED!

I CAN HELP YOU, PRINCESS-- IF MY ORDERS ARE CARRIED OUT!

AT THAT CRUCIAL MOMENT, ANY SHRED OF HOPE HAD TO BE SEIZED! I ASKED FOR SALTPESTER, SULPHUR AND CHARCOAL, AND BEFORE THEIR ASTONISHED EYES, COMMENCED MAKING A CRUDE GRENADE--

BUT HOW CAN THESE TINY MISSILES HELP US?

AT DAWN-- YOU SHALL SEE!



IT WAS THE FIRST GUNPOWDER EVER SEEN ON THE TINY PLANET--AND IT SPREAD TERROR AMONG THE ATTACKERS!

FLEE! THEY HURL THUNDERBOLTS!

BOOM!



BY THE TIME SANDOR'S MEN REGROUPED FOR ANOTHER CHARGE, I'D MADE ANOTHER BATCH OF GRENADES--AND BEAT THEM OFF AGAIN! AND SO THE SIEGE DRAGGED ON! A RAPPORT HAD SPRUNG UP BETWEEN THE PRINCESS AND ME--

I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH, STEVEN! BUT WHO ARE YOU--WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?

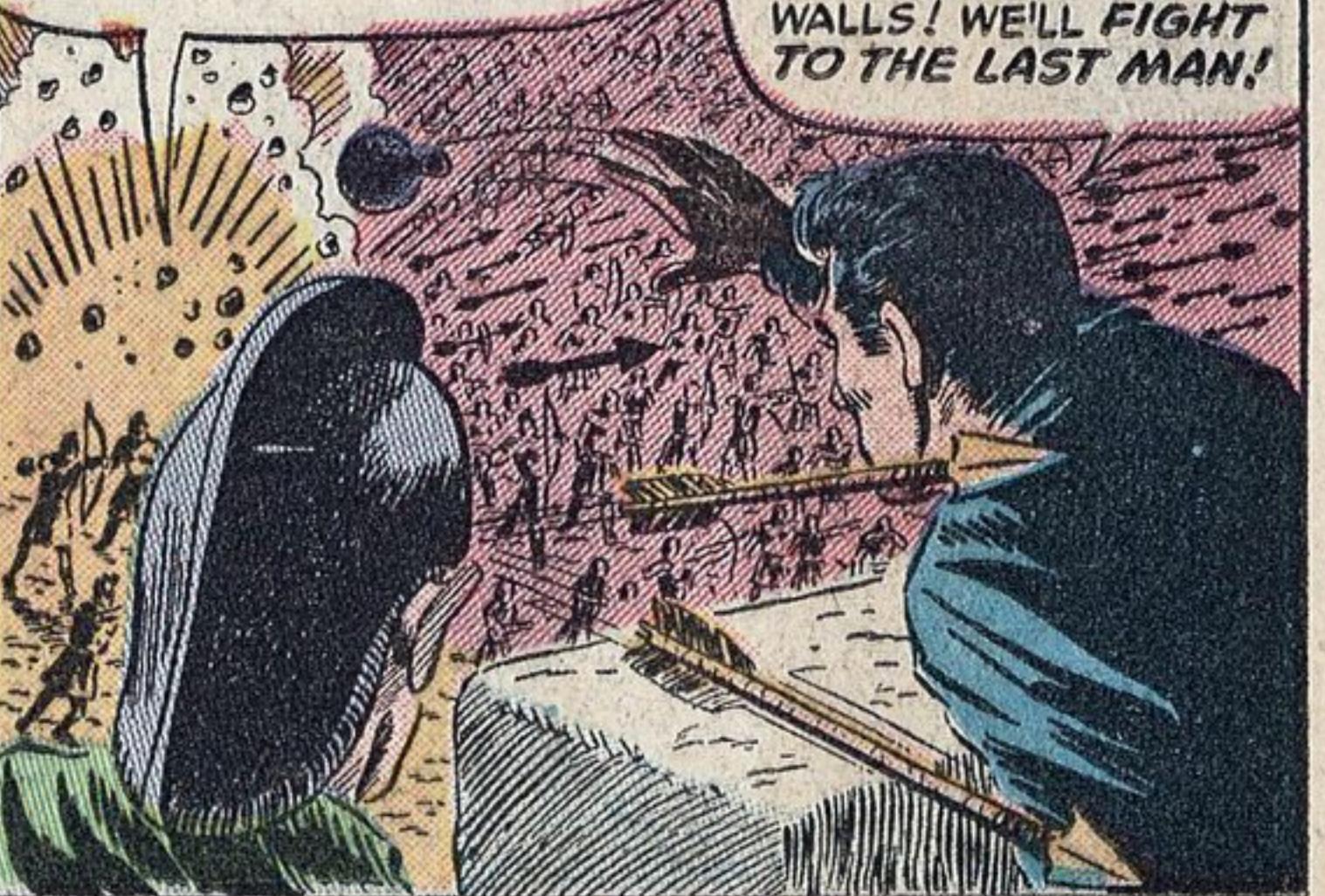
SOMEDAY I WILL TELL YOU, VALRA-- BUT NOT NOW!



HOW COULD I TELL HER-- WHEN THE TRUTH WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO STAGGERING? BUT NOW DISASTER THREATENED AGAIN--

THEIR ATTACKS MOUNT IN FORCE, AND OUR SUPPLY OF SULPHUR IS EXHAUSTED!

KEEP A MOBILE UNIT IN THE CENTER OF TOWN TO DISPATCH TO ANY BREACH IN THE WALLS! WE'LL FIGHT TO THE LAST MAN!



I HAD TAKEN OVER COMMAND OF THE CITY AS THE ATTACKS INCREASED IN FURY--

YOU DID WHAT YOU COULD-- AND MORE! I AM GRATEFUL!



I NEVER SAW THE BARRAGE OF ROCKS THROWN BY A CATAPULT--

STEVEN! WATCH OUT!

OH-HH!



THEY ARE BRINGING UP A BATTERING RAM, PRINCESS! WHAT SHALL WE DO?

FIGHT ON! OH, STEVEN-- STEVEN--

BELow, SENSING VICTORY, SANDOR'S TROOPS HURLED THEMSELVES FORWARD IN A MASSIVE ATTACK--

WE'VE BROKEN THROUGH! INTO THE CITY!

CR-RASH!

IT WAS A GRIM COMBAT--WITH ONLY A SINGLE OUTCOME POSSIBLE--

FOR SANDOR!

FOR THE PRINCESS!

WHEN I FINALLY REVIVED, THE BATTLE WAS OVER--THE CITY HAD FALLEN! WE WERE HERDED BEFORE THE TRIUMPHANT SANDOR--

YOU HAVE WON, I HAVE LONG AWAITED THIS MOMENT! YOU SHALL ALL DIE--IN THE ARENA!

WHILE FRENZIED THOUSANDS WATCHED INTENTLY--

I...I FEAR NOT DEATH--ONLY LEAVING YOU! I LOVE YOU, STEVEN!

THEN--MY PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED!

FOR A MOMENT, WE WERE BOTH OBLIVIOUS TO THE SHRIEKING OF THE CROWD--FOR A MOMENT I WAS HAPPY--

LOOK! THE BEASTS EMERGE!

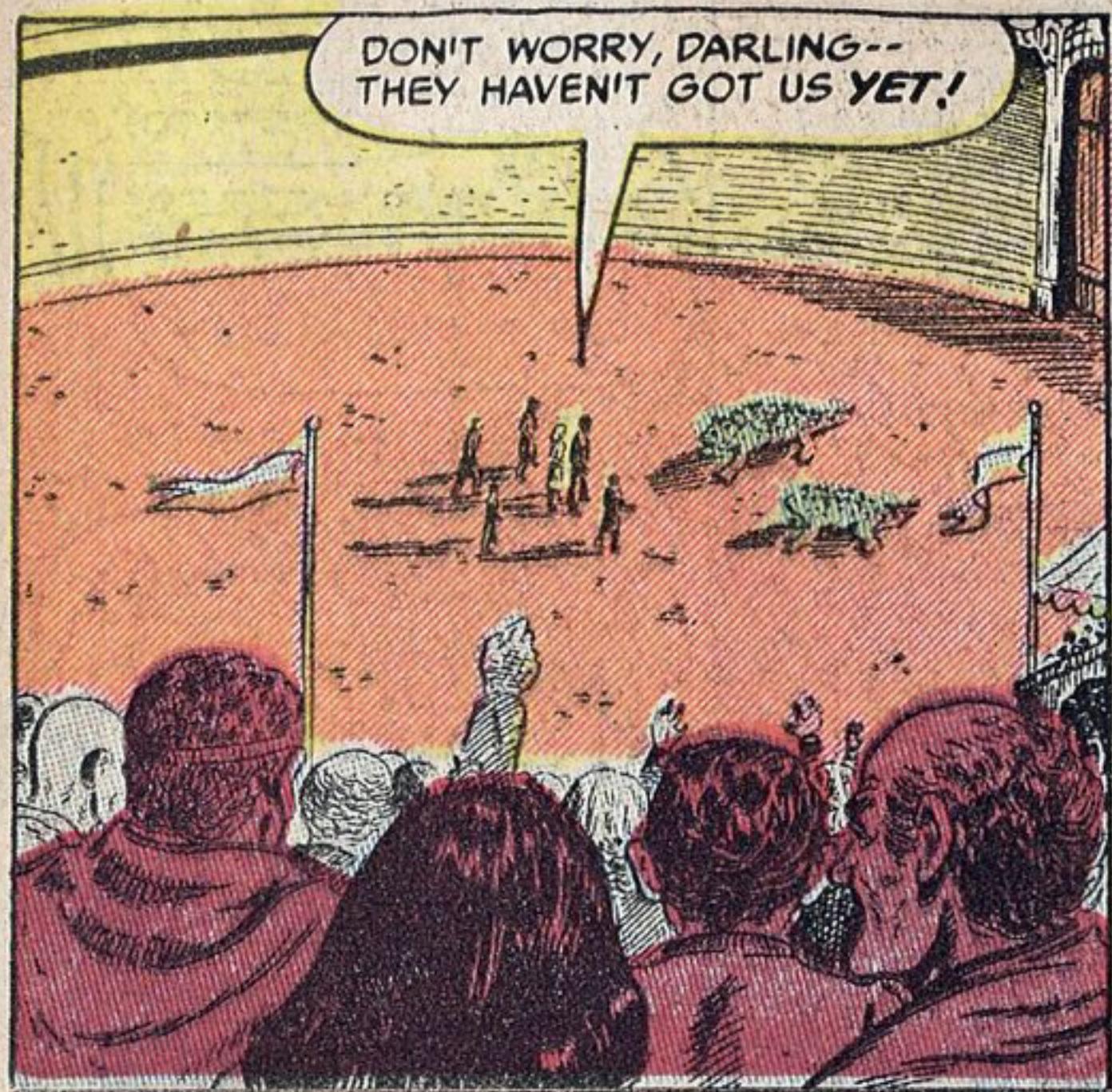
MY PULSES FROZE AT THE SIGHT OF THE CREATURES WHICH NOW CONFRONTED US--

GREAT--HEAVENS!

OH, NO--NO!

THE CHIPS WERE DOWN! MUCH AS I DIDN'T WANT TO--NOW WAS THE TIME TO SHOW MY HAND!

DON'T WORRY, DARLING--
THEY HAVEN'T GOT US YET!



A TOUCH AT THE CONTROL PANEL IN MY BELT--AND I BEGAN TO GROW! THE CROWD'S YELL FROZE IN HORRIFIED DISBELIEF--

SORRY, LITTLE FELLAS!
I'M BREAKING THIS UP!

WH--WHAT'S
HAPPENING?



3 FEET, 4 FEET, 5 FEET--STILL I GREW! NOW THE TERROR-STRUCK CROWD BEGAN TO PANIC, AS I DISPOSED OF THE LAST OF THE "BEASTS"--

FLEE! IT'S MAGIC--HE'S BECOME A MONSTROUS GIANT!



NOW IT WAS MY TURN!

RUN, YOU LITTLE NO-GOODS!
OUT OF MY WAY!

H-HELP!



THE STADIUM WALLS TOPPLED BEFORE ME! THEN--

C'MON, VALRA!
I'M TAKING YOU WITH ME!

I--I FEAR YOU!
PUT ME DOWN!



MY IMMENSE STRIDES TOOK ME QUICKLY TO WHERE I'D LEFT THE SPACE SHIP! THE TERROR IN VALRA'S FACE SHOCKED ME--

AM I SO FRIGHTENING,
THEN? THIS IS MY TRUE
SIZE WHERE I CAME
FROM--A DIFFERENT
WORLD--

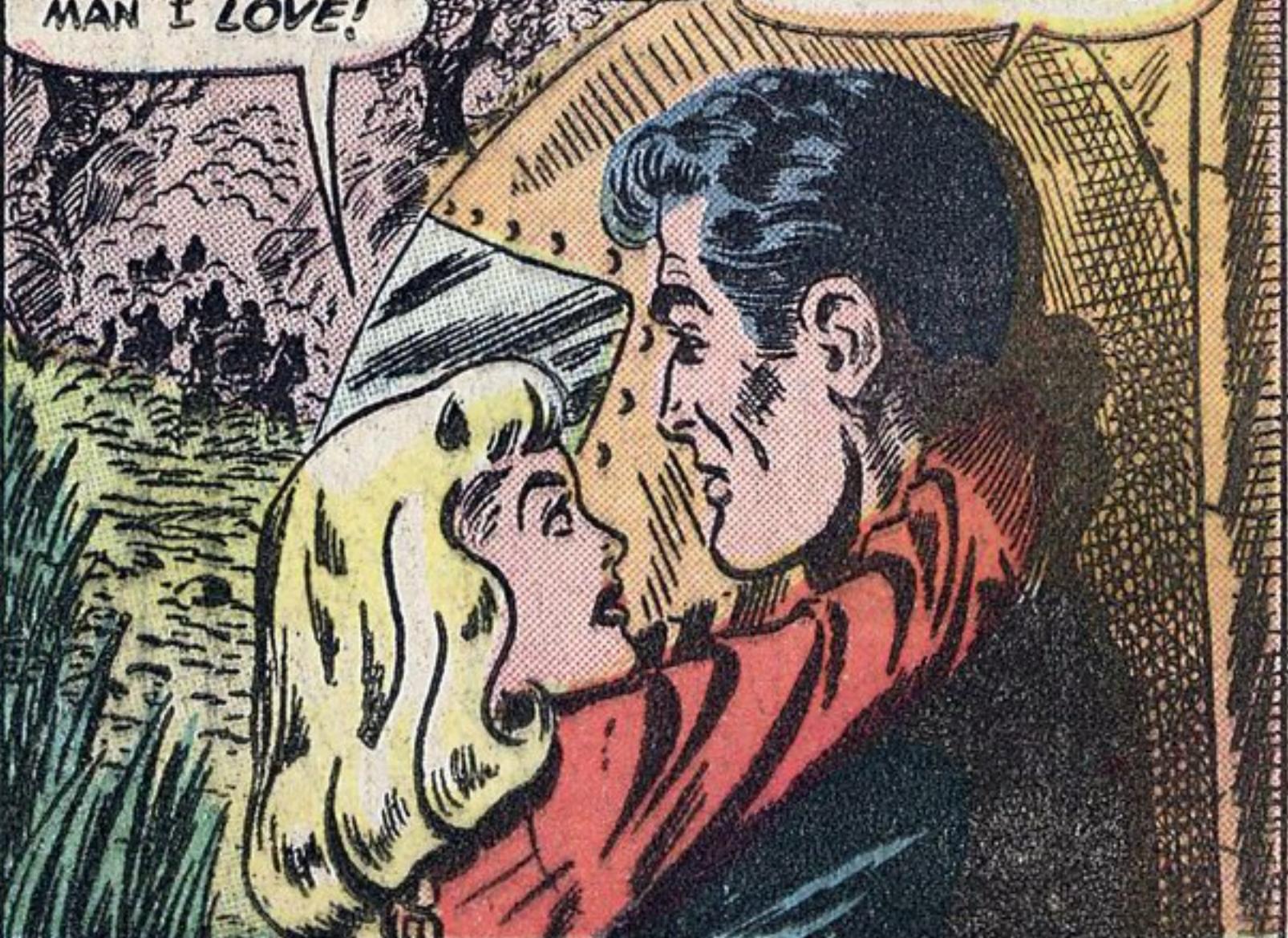
FORGIVE ME!
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YOU WOULD NEVER
HURT ME!



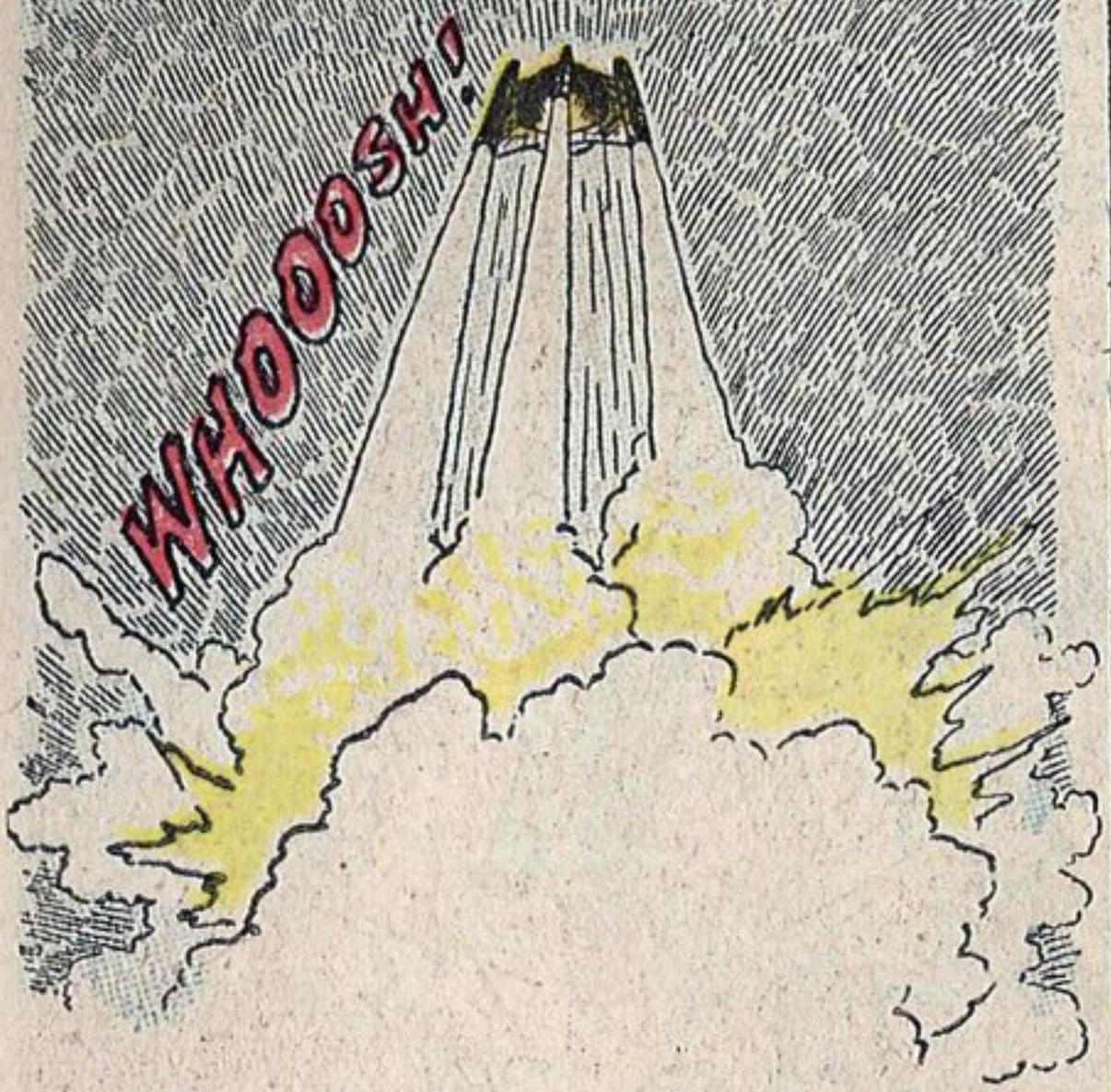
IN A TRICE, I REVERSED MYSELF TO HER SIZE--

WHATEVER YOUR
APPEARANCE--YOU
ARE STILL THE
MAN I LOVE!

THE SOLDIERS ARE COMING,
VALRA! FOLLOW ME--INTO
THE SPHERE!



THE ENEMY WAS ALMOST ON US WHEN I GOT THE SHIP AIRBORNE! WE HAD LEFT THE TINY PLANET--JUST IN TIME!



AS WE WHIRLED DIZZILY THROUGH SPACE ...

IT...IT IS AMAZING! ARE YOU A MAGICIAN?

NO, VALRA--BUT WHAT WE CALL A SCIENTIST! I KNOW IT IS HARD FOR YOU TO LEAVE YOUR WORLD, BUT ON MINE WE WILL BE HAPPY! NEVER FEAR!

I CAN BE HAPPY ANYWHERE, WITH YOU! BUT WHAT ABOUT MY SIZE? IN YOUR WORLD, I'LL BE BUT A CHILD'S TOY!

I CAN SOLVE THAT PROBLEM! THE MAIN PROBLEM IS ACCUSTOMING YOU TO OUR ATMOSPHERE!



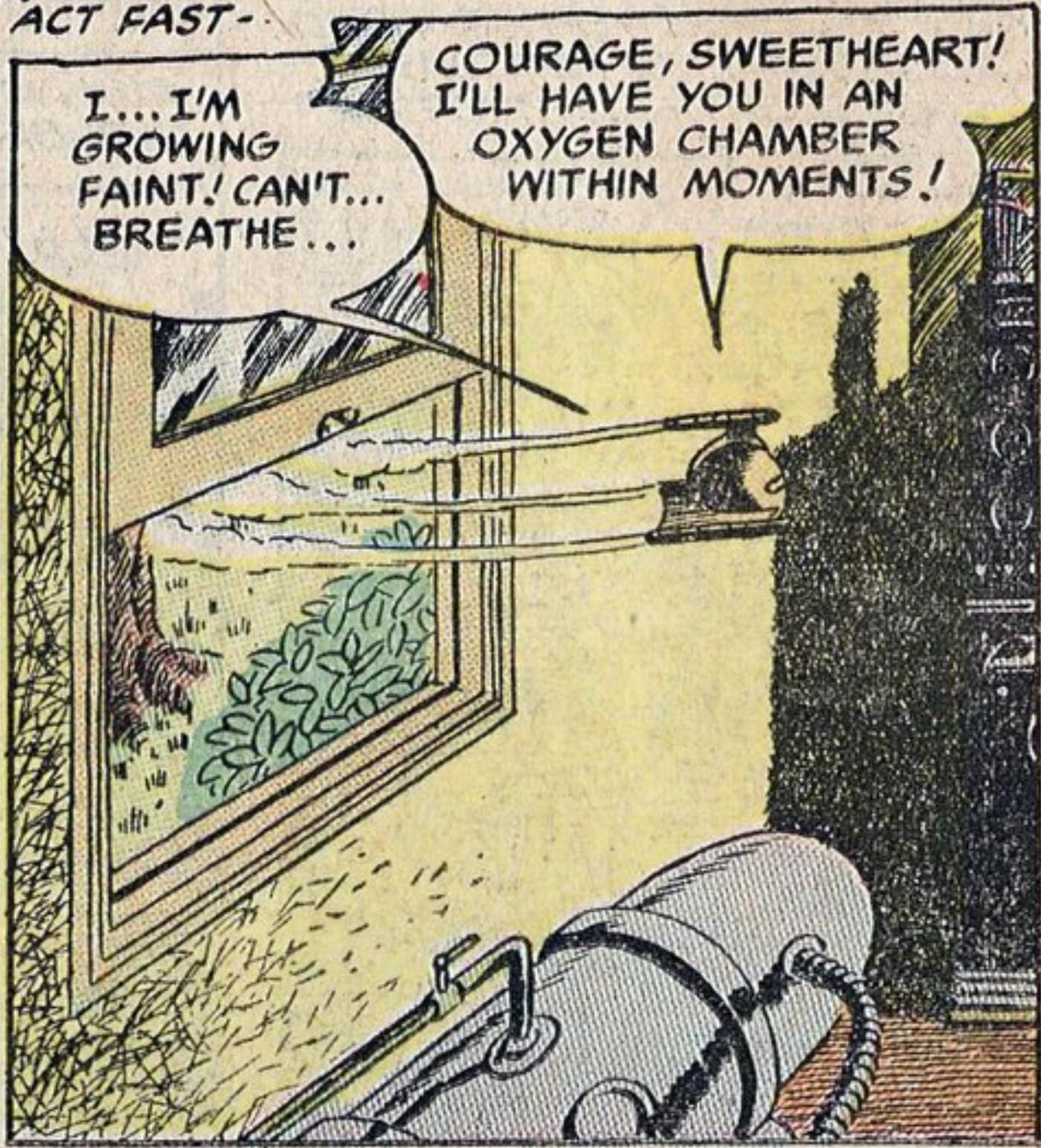
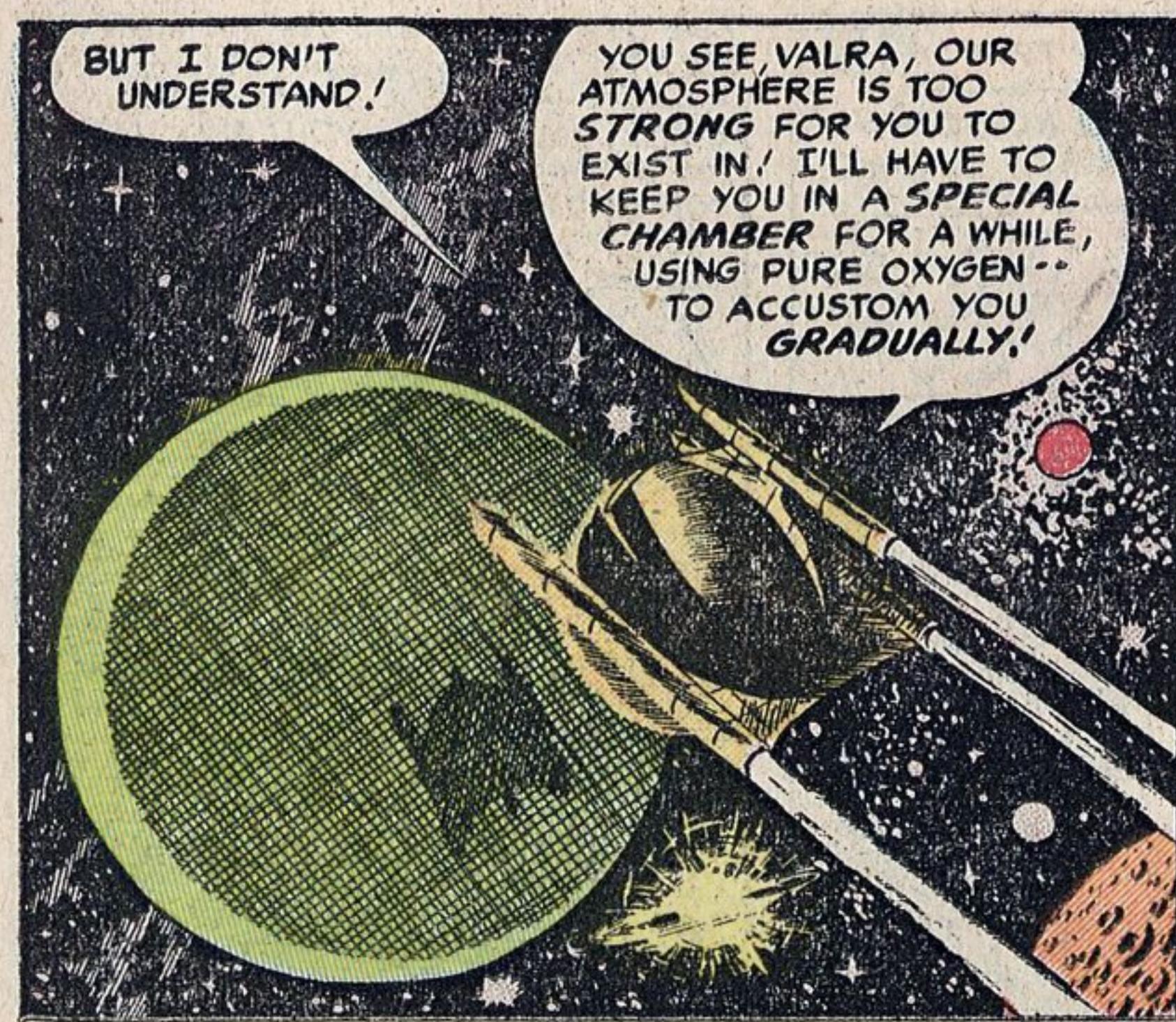
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

YOU SEE, VALRA, OUR ATMOSPHERE IS TOO STRONG FOR YOU TO EXIST IN! I'LL HAVE TO KEEP YOU IN A SPECIAL CHAMBER FOR A WHILE, USING PURE OXYGEN-- TO ACCUSTOM YOU GRADUALLY!

AT LAST, JOURNEY'S END! NOW I HAD TO ACT FAST--

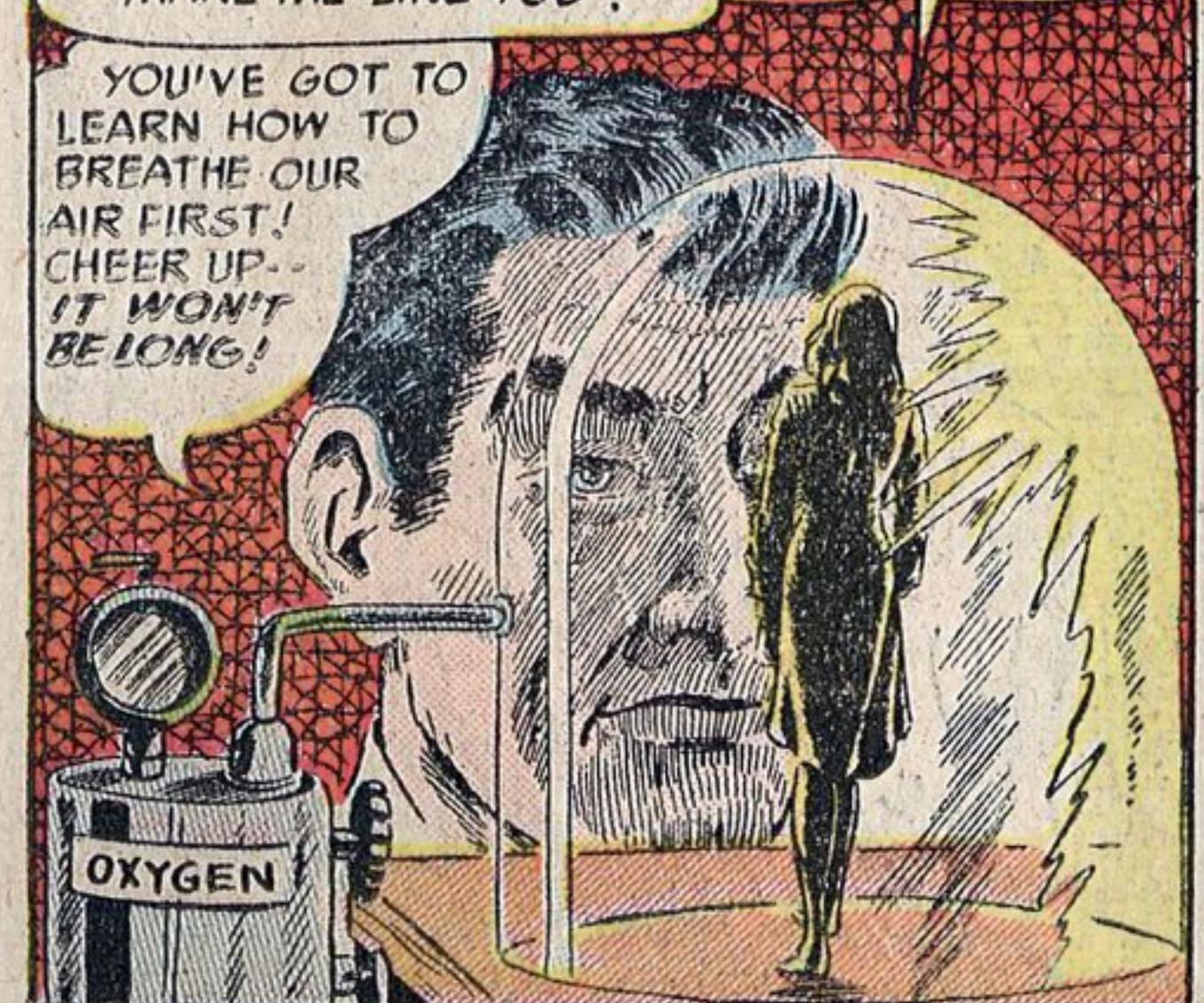
I...I'M GROWING FAINT! CAN'T... BREATHE...

COURAGE, SWEETHEART! I'LL HAVE YOU IN AN OXYGEN CHAMBER WITHIN MOMENTS!



MY BELT CONTROLS BROUGHT ME BACK TO NORMAL SIZE SWIFTLY, AND FEVERISHLY I PLACED VALRA IN A BELL JAR UNDER OXYGEN! SHE TOOK TO IT ADMIRABLY--

IT...IT'S ALL SO STRANGE! WHEN WILL YOU MAKE ME LIKE YOU?



SLOWLY, I BROUGHT THE CONTENT OF VALRA'S CHAMBER CLOSER TO THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE--

I'M GETTING BORED INSIDE HERE, DEAR!

CAN'T BE HELPED, ANGEL! ONE MINUTE OUTSIDE THAT BELL JAR AND YOU'D BE DEAD! BUT THINGS ARE GOING FINE--IT'LL BE SOON, I PROMISE!



SOONER THAN I EXPECTED, I LICKED THE PROBLEMS OF REVERSING A COSMIC RAY FLOW SO AS TO BRING HER UP TO MY SIZE! SUPREME HAPPINESS LAY JUST OVER THE HORIZON--

I CAN'T WAIT TO EXPLORE YOUR WORLD, STEVEN! I WANT TO SEE WHAT YOUR EARTH WOMEN ARE LIKE, HOW THEY DRESS!

SO THAT'S WHAT INTERESTS YOU, EH?

I DETERMINED TO HAVE A SURPRISE FOR HER AS SOON AS I INCREASED HER SIZE-- A FULL OUTFIT OF WOMEN'S CLOTHING, BECAUSE WHAT WOMAN DOESN'T LIKE NEW CLOTHES? EXUBERANTLY, I SALLIED FORTH--

THESE MEN--BAH! HE HASN'T LET ME INTO HIS LAB FOR WEEKS--PROBABLY LOOKS LIKE A STABLE! THE PLACE SHOULD BE TIDIED!

DUST ALL YOU WANT, HESTER-- BUT STAY OUT OF MY LAB! I WON'T BE GONE LONG!

JUST AS YOU SAY!

I'D NEVER DONE THIS SORT OF THING BEFORE, BUT I KNEW JUST WHAT I WANTED--

YOU'LL TAKE THEM ALL? WHY, A WARDROBE LIKE THAT IS FIT FOR THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE WORLD!

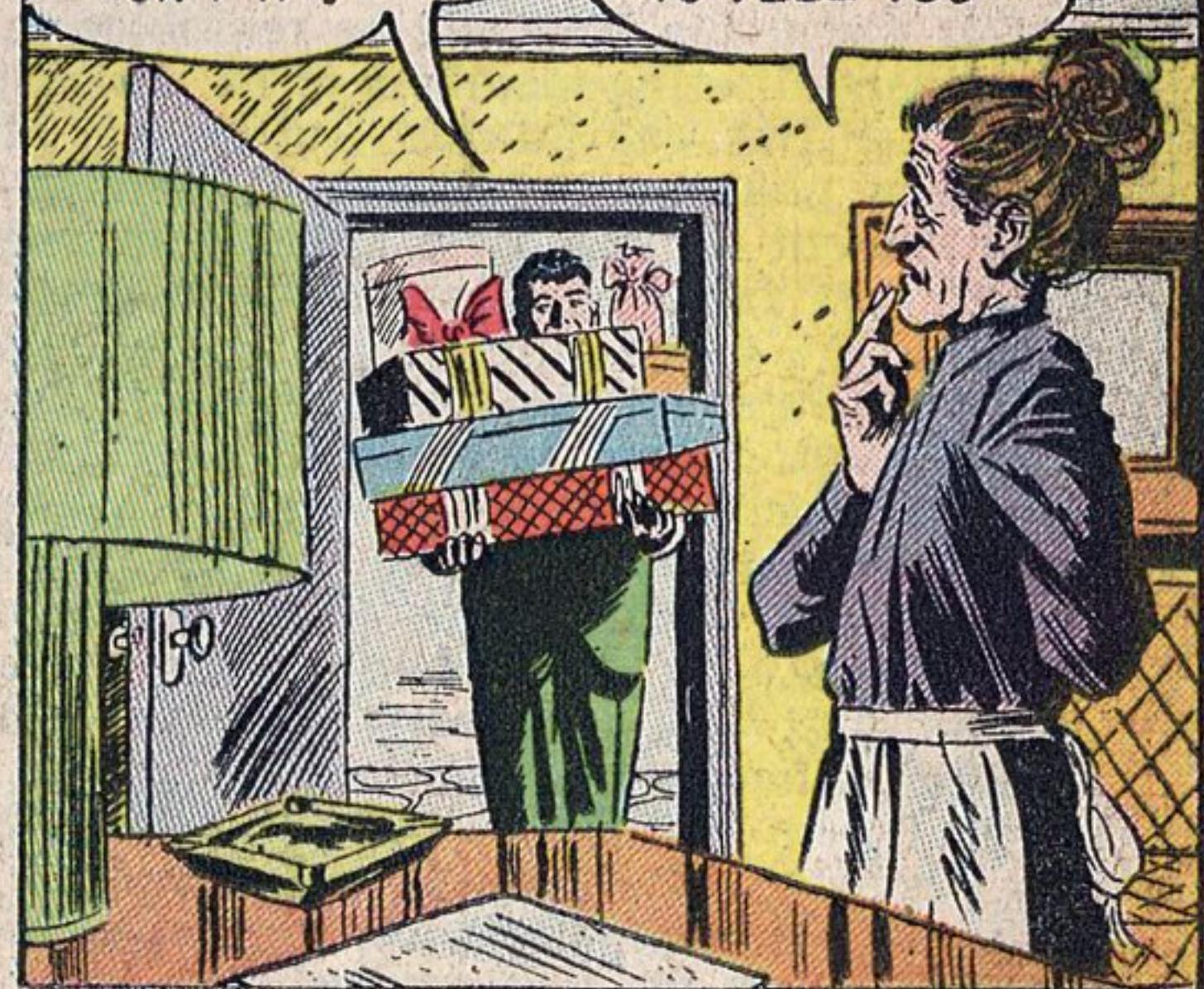
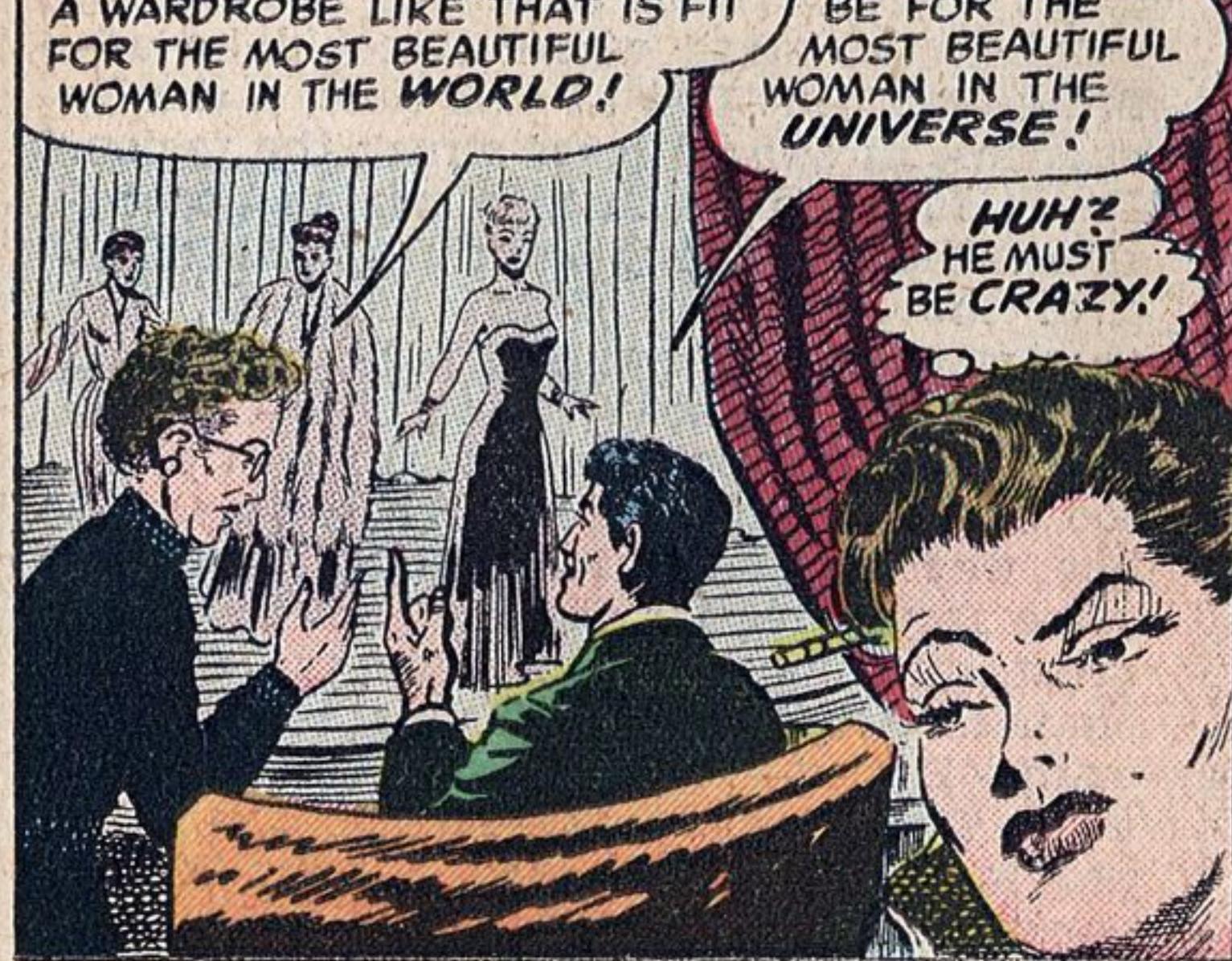
IT HAPPENS TO BE FOR THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE UNIVERSE!

HUH? HE MUST BE CRAZY!

I WAS HAPPY AS A KID WHEN I GOT BACK--

HELLO, BEAUTIFUL! GORGEOUS DAY, ISN'T IT?

D-DOCTOR! I-I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU--



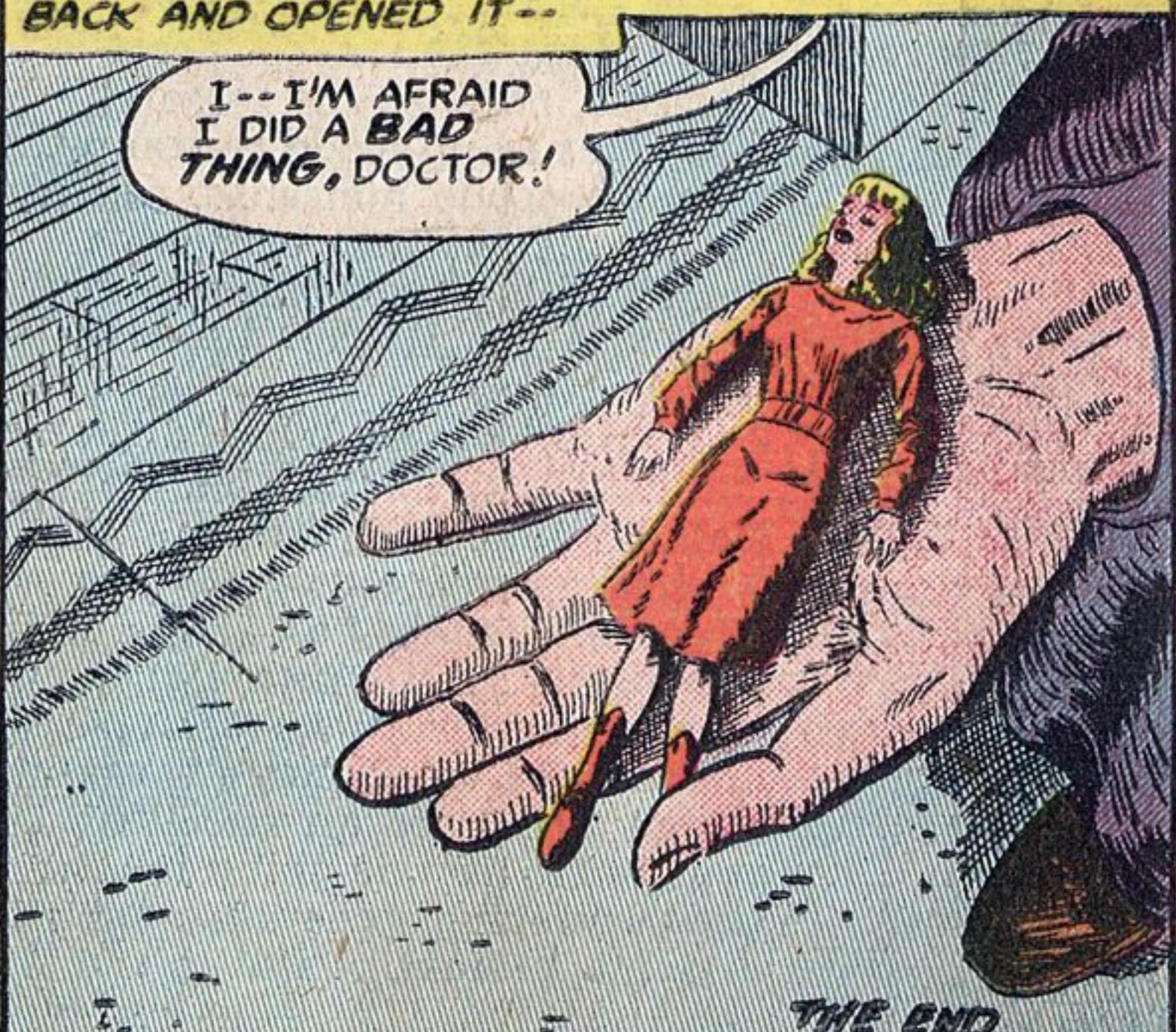
IT WAS THEN THAT I NOTICED THE AWFUL TERROR IN HER FACE! AN ICY HAND CLUTCHED AT MY HEART--

I-I THOUGHT IT WOULDN'T HURT IF I-IF I GAVE YOUR LABORATORY A QUICK DUSTING-- AND NOW-- WELL, YOU KNOW THAT-- THAT BELLJAR YOU HAD IN THERE?

QUICK, WOMAN, WHAT--WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?

SLOWLY SHE TOOK HER HAND FROM BEHIND HER BACK AND OPENED IT--

I--I'M AFRAID I DID A BAD THING, DOCTOR!



GREAT MAN

PROFESSOR MADDEN of the Biology Department of City University faced his class with a slight smile. "We've spent the hour discussing the infallibility of scientific laws," he said, "and there's no better way of indicating my attitude on this question than by citing the recent experience of Dr. Amos Jason, the biotics expert who recently discovered the cure for swamp fever. He developed his serum on the scene, so to speak—carrying on his successful research in a small town near the Okeechobee Swamp which had periodically suffered from epidemics of swamp fever. He set up a laboratory which was staffed mainly by local folks, since few outsiders dared enter such a disease-ridden region.

"Our discussion here will be restricted to two widely differing members of Dr. Jason's staff. The first was Edward Rutley, son of the town pharmacist. Always a conscientious student as well as a member of one of the best families, Edward was a graduate of the State University, where he'd been an outstanding biology major. Dr. Jason counted himself lucky to have him as a lab assistant—a job to which he made notable contributions. The second staff member was a lowly one—Tom Simpson, the lab's janitor. Tom had sprung from poverty and was completely illiterate. All his life he had been in and out of trouble. People knew him as a lazy ne'er-do-well, and predicted he'd come to a bad end. Dr. Jason had occasion to rebuke him when he overheard him insolently refusing to clean up Ed Rutley's lab.

"Doc Jason was more than a bit short-tempered at the time, because his research had hit a snag. He was in no mood to stand for any of Simpson's crude nonsense, and he told him so. In his temper, he said a little too *much*. He told the janitor that he'd never rise above his station because he wouldn't try—because he was satisfied with the dirt and shiftless sloth from which he'd sprung. In contrast, he pointed out how Rutley had studied and striven, as had his family. And, ever the scientist, he used the situation to indicate how great a force was *environment*. In Simpson's case, a bad environment had produced an unfavorable specimen—whereas Rutley's background had served to create an excellent citizen. Dr. Jason knew he was going a bit overboard in this sweeping generalization, but he had a point to make. 'Rutley's a

product of a fine environment,' he said, 'and he'll make a *great man*! But you, Simpson—you'll never rise above what produced you—nobody will ever remember you for anything good! And to show you that it's *environment* that counts, I checked into the history of all our workers. Your ancestors were members of the British peerage—brave soldiers, heroes—while Rutley came from farming folk! So you see, heredity doesn't mean very much!'

"My ancestors—*royalty*? Soldiers an'—an' *heroes*?" Simpson's tones were dazed, unbelieving. There was a difference in him as he went about his work in the succeeding weeks, but Dr. Jason had no time to notice it. With Ed Rutley's help, he had made great progress in his serum—it had almost reached the stage where it could be administered. But just at this time, a deadly epidemic of swamp fever struck the region. Death followed death in alarming proportions. There was only one thing that might save the remnants of the populace, and that was the new serum. Dr. Jason had no doubt that it would prove effective—but there was the great fear that it might prove too strong for human use. There was only one way to find out—would a volunteer come forward? But the dangers were too great, and nobody dared take the fearful chance. Helplessly, Dr. Jason looked towards Rutley—who flinched and turned away. Then it was that Tom Simpson stepped forward. 'You?' asked Jason incredulously. 'Don't you know the *risk*? Why are you doing this?' But Simpson doggedly refused to answer. Bravely, he submitted to injection.

"I wish I could say that it turned out well as far as the poor janitor was concerned, but it didn't. As Dr. Jason had feared, the serum proved too strong for human use. And as he kept a death vigil at Simpson's bedside, he heard the dying man mutter, 'Royalty . . . heroes . . .' Only that—before he closed his eyes forever."

Professor Madden concluded his story, and one of his students broke the silence. "Is your point that *heredity* is, after all, greater than *environment*?" he asked. The Professor shook his head. "You'll find adherents on both sides of that question," he said. "So let's say that whatever the answer, Simpson was a hero, a great man—and science is great because sometimes, it admits the fallibility of its own laws!"

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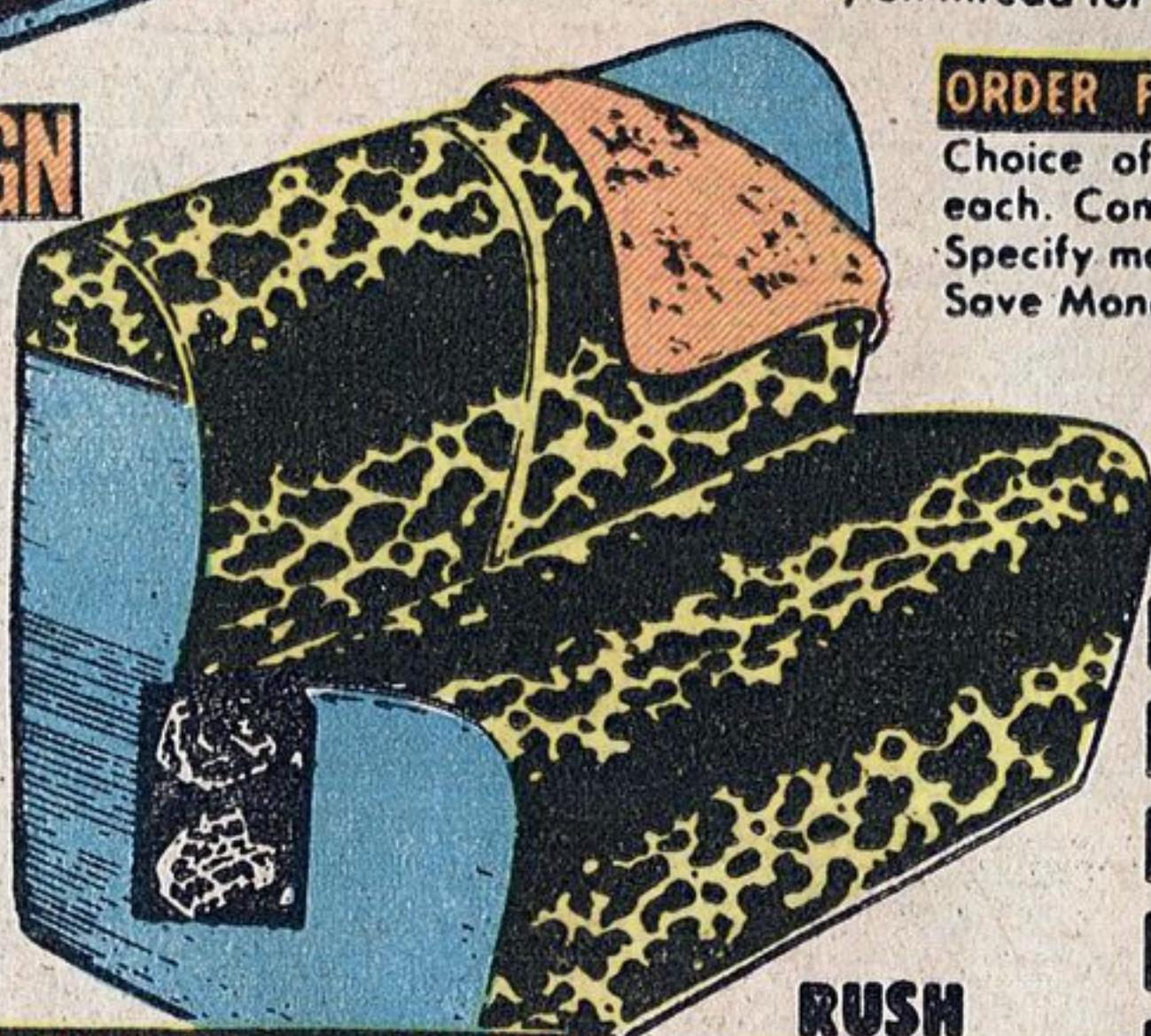
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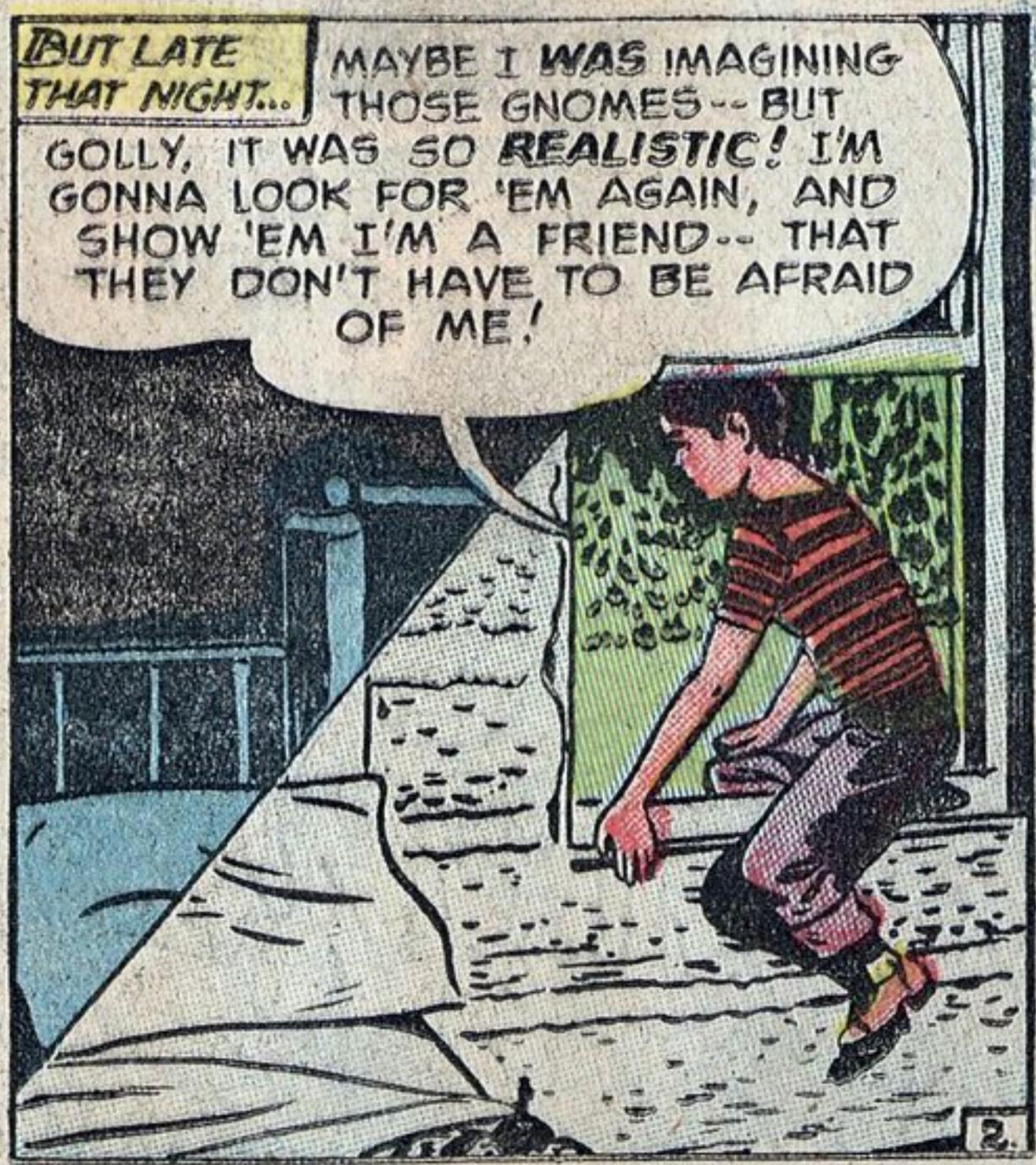
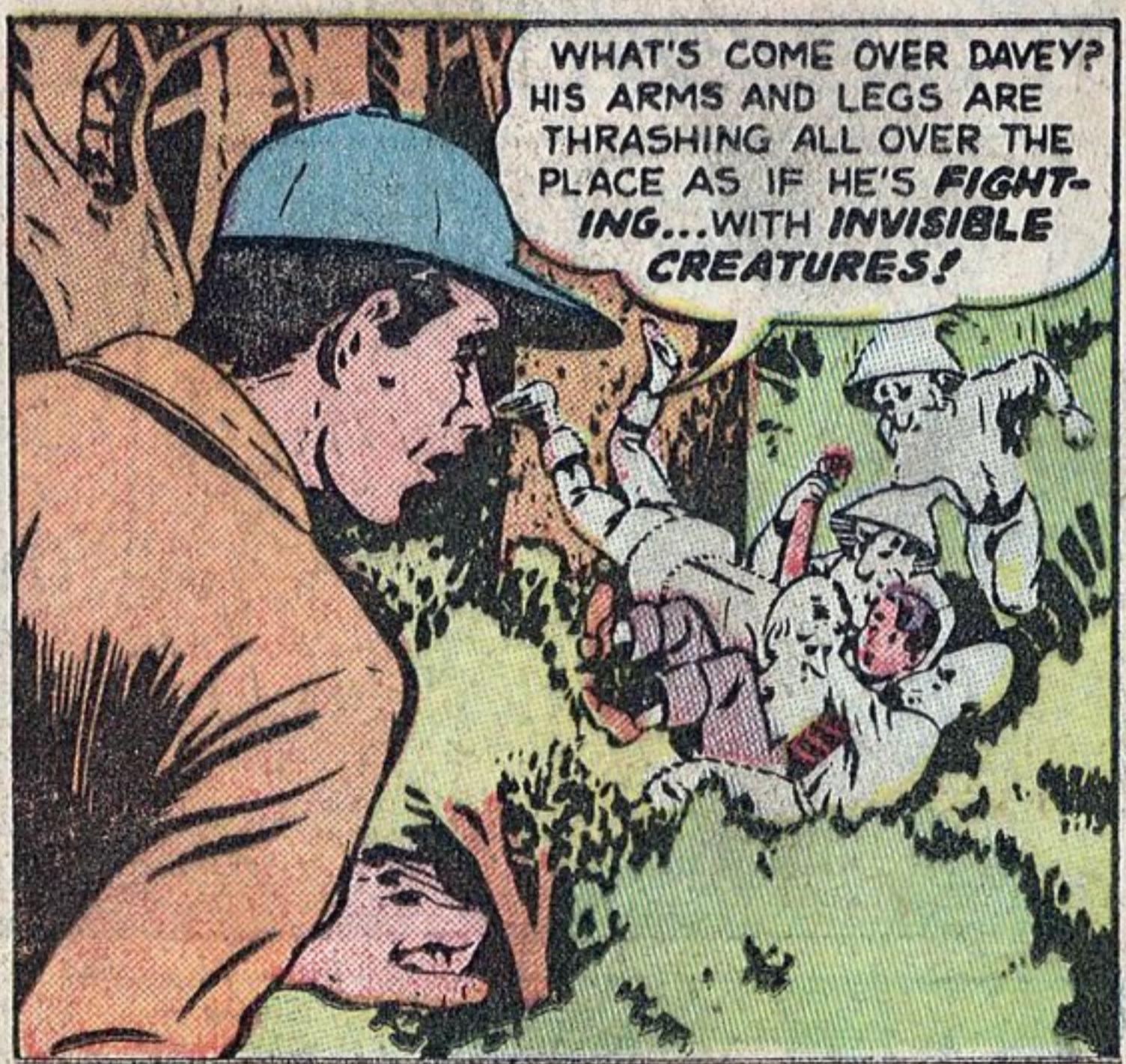
LAST of the LITTLE FOLKS!

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WELL, THIS IS IT...
GNOME HILL! THE
CABIN I RENTED FOR
THE SUMMER IS ABOUT
HALF WAY UP...IT'S AN
IDEAL SPOT FOR A
RESTFUL SUMMER
VACATION!

GNOME HILL? WHY IS
IT CALLED THAT, DAD?
DO GNOMES **REALLY**
LIVE ON THIS HILL?

WELL, THERE **IS** AN OLD LEGEND
THAT A TRIBE OF GNOMES DWELLS
WITHIN A HOLLOW CAVE AT THE
TOP OF THE HILL...BUT THAT'S
SHEER **SUPERSTITION**, OF
COURSE! DON'T START IMAG-
INING THAT **YOU SEE**
GNOMES IN EVERY BUSH,
DAVEY...BECAUSE GNOMES
JUST **DON'T EXIST**!



SOON AFTERWARDS...

LUCKY THERE'S A FULL MOON TONIGHT... OR I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE A THING! BUT I STILL HAVEN'T SEEN ANY GNOMES....!

HA-HA--
WE'VE GOT
HIM!

HEY!

GOSH, DAD
WOULD SAY I'M
IMAGINING
THIS! I ONLY
WISH **HE** COULD
SEE YOU!

NO ONE WHO IS TALLER THAN WE CAN SEE US... THAT'S OUR NATURAL DEFENSE AGAINST ATTACK FROM LARGER AND MORE POWERFUL ANIMALS IN THE WOODS... INCLUDING **MEN**! BUT YOU'RE KIND OF A PROBLEM TO US-- KNOWING OF OUR EXISTENCE THREATENS OUR SAFETY! BETTER COME DOWN TO OUR HEADQUARTERS INSIDE THE HILL!

AFTER A SHORT WALK THROUGH THE BRIGHT MOON-LIT GLADE...

ALL RIGHT-- THIS IS WHERE WE LIVE! YOU'RE A LITTLE SMALLER THAN WE ARE-- YOU'LL FIT THROUGH THE ENTRANCE EASILY!

INSIDE
THE
CAVE--

HERE HE IS, BRETHREN...
THE SMALL HUMAN WHO
SAW US, AND WHO
TOLD AN ADULT ABOUT
OUR EXISTENCE!

GOLLY... A
WHOLE TRIBE
OF GNOMES!

IF WE RELEASE HIM,
HE'LL BRING THE ADULTS
BACK HERE... AND
THEY'LL WIPE US OUT!
WE-- WE CAN'T
RISK THAT!

BUT THAT
ISN'T SO!
I... I PROM-
ISE I'LL
NEVER TELL
ANYONE ABOUT
THIS PLACE...
I PROMISE!

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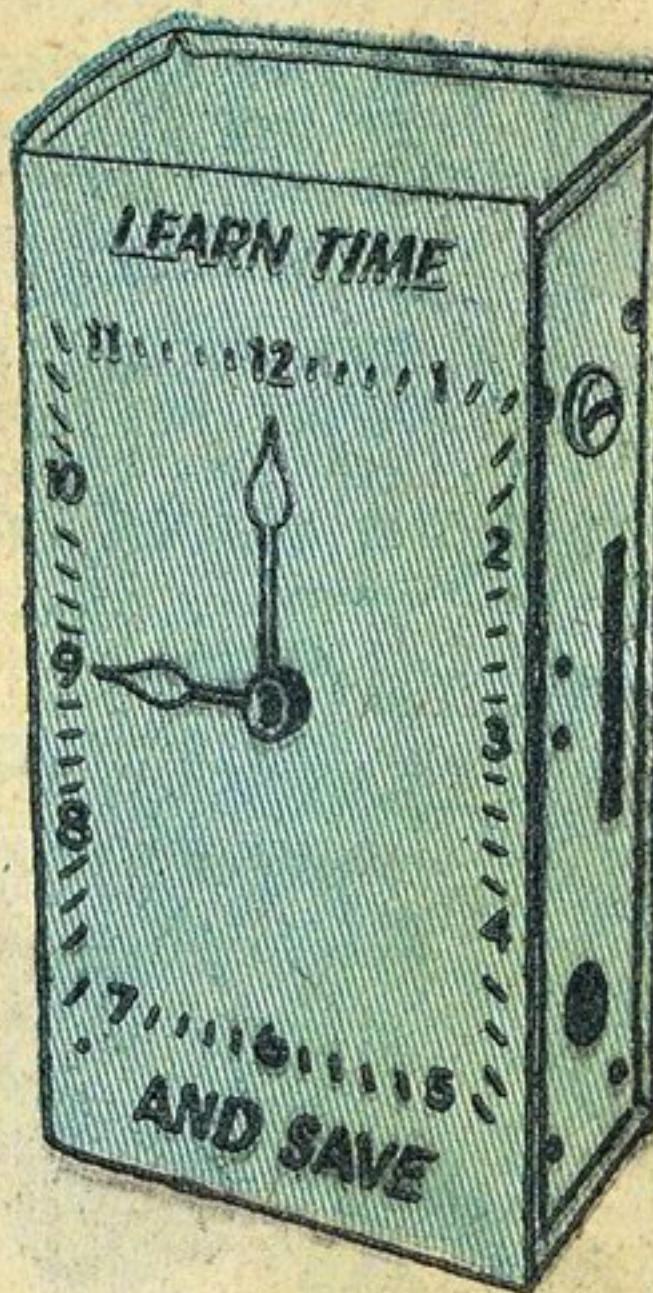
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BUT CAN THE HUMAN'S
PROMISE BE
TRUSTED?

KHANG WAS ALWAYS
A DOUBTER... DO NOT
HEED HIM! LET US
BRING YOUNG DAVEY
TO THE SAGE... HE
WILL TELL US
WHETHER HE CAN
BE TRUSTED OR
NOT!

LET US HEED
DALLONA... BRING
YOUNG DAVEY TO
THE SAGE!

DON'T LISTEN TO DALLONA!
REMEMBER THAT IF MIS-
FORTUNE BEFALLS US--
IT WILL BE AT THE
HANDS OF HUMANS!

TELL US, O VENER-
ABLE SAGE WHO HATH
THE POWER OF LOOK-
ING INTO THE HEARTS
OF ALL LIVING CREA-
TURES... CAN THE
WORD OF THIS
HUMAN BE
TRUSTED?

THE HEART OF THIS
CHILD IS GOOD...
YOU CAN DEPEND
ON HIM!

THE SAGE HAS
SPOKEN... YOU
ARE FREE TO
LEAVE HERE
AND RETURN
TO YOUR
HOME!

BUT NOW THAT I'M HERE, CAN'T
I STAY AND PLAY AWHILE?
YOU SEE, THERE AREN'T ANY
KIDS MY SIZE TO PLAY WITH ON
THIS HILL! LET'S SEE... DO YOU
KNOW LEAP-FROG? IF YOU DON'T,
I'LL TEACH YOU!

TOWARD DAWN...

WE'RE SORRY YOU
HAVE TO GO HOME, DAVEY
...DON'T FORGET TO
COME AGAIN
TOMORROW!

I WILL! AND
DON'T WORRY
...I WON'T TELL
ANYONE AT ALL
ABOUT YOU!

AS THE SUMMER DAYS FLED SWIFTLY BY, DAVEY
BECAME A REGULAR VISITOR TO THE HOLLOW
CHAMBER WITHIN THE HILL, TEACHING THE GNOMES
A VARIETY OF HUMAN GAMES...

BASKETBALL IS A
MUCH BETTER GAME
THAN TAG, OR FOLLOW
THE LEADER, OR...

ATTABOY,
DAVEY!

BUT ONE DAY... YOU'RE NOT TO TAKE ANY MORE HIKES BY YOURSELF UP TO THE TOP OF THE HILL, DAVEY! I WAS WARNED TODAY THAT A CONSTRUCTION GANG IS BUILDING A NEW ROAD UP THERE... AND THEY'RE GOING TO DYNAMITE THE TOP OF THE HILL!



SOON AFTERWARDS...

I FOUND OUT-- THEY'RE GONNA DYNAMITE --WITHIN A MATTER OF MINUTES! RAN EVERY INCH OF THE WAY! YOU'VE ALL GOT TO GET OUT-- FAST!

I KNEW SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN IF WE TRUSTED A HUMAN! BUT YOU'RE NOT DRIVING US OUT OF HERE, DO YOU HEAR?



ALL OF US EXCEPT KHANG TRUST YOU, DAVEY... BUT WE CAN'T TAKE YOUR ADVICE ABOUT RUNNING AWAY! THIS HAS BEEN OUR HOME FOR CENTURIES... WE COULD NEVER **LIVE** ANYPLACE ELSE!

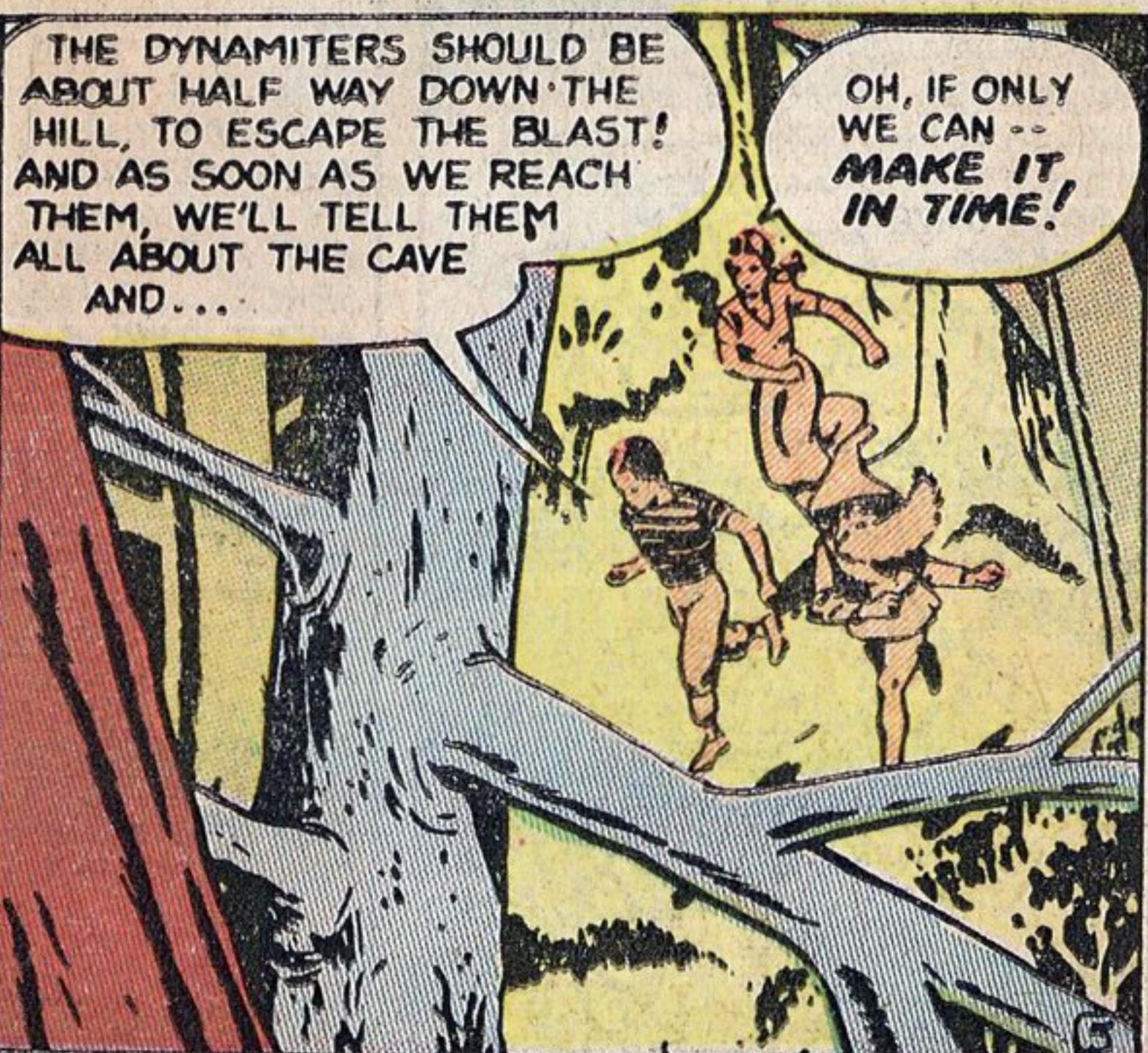
THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE OTHER THING TO DO! A COUPLE OF YOU WILL HAVE TO COME WITH ME TO THE DYNAMITERS AND TELL THEM THE WHOLE STORY! THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOU... BUT IF THEY FEEL YOU, THEY'LL KNOW YOU EXIST! THEN MAYBE THEY'LL BYPASS THE HILL IN BUILDING THE ROAD!



DAVEY IS RIGHT... IT'S THE ONLY ANSWER!

I... I'LL GO WITH YOU, DAVEY!

I'LL GO TOO!



AT THAT MOMENT, A FEW HUNDRED YARDS DOWN THE HILL...



YES, DAVEY HAD TRIED--BUT IT
WAS TOO LATE!

WHILE INSIDE THE
GNOMES' CAVE...

BOOM!

CRASH!

WE--WE
WEREN'T--
IN TIME--

YES...AN EXPLOSION OF THAT
SIZE MUST HAVE CAUSED
THE ROOF OF THE CAVE TO
COLLAPSE..AND OUR
PEOPLE--THEY'RE GONE!

BUT WE'LL SOON
BECOME INVISIBLE
TO YOU TOO, DAVEY
...AS SOON AS YOU
GROW A LITTLE
TALLER!

YES...AND ANYWAY, DAVEY,
WE COULD NEVER STAY
COOPED UP IN A HOUSE...
WE'VE GOT TO LIVE IN THE
WOODS! WE...WE HATE TO
LEAVE YOU...

BUT...BUT AT LEAST
YOU TWO ARE ALIVE!
AND YOU CAN ALWAYS
COME AND LIVE WITH
ME...MY FOLKS
WON'T BE ABLE
TO SEE YOU!

I...I GUESS
YOU'RE RIGHT
...BUT I...I'LL
MISS YOU!

NO MORE THAN I'LL
MISS YOU! WE'LL
NEVER FORGET YOU,
DAVEY...WHEREVER YOU
ARE! WE'LL COME TO
PLAY WITH YOUR CHILD-
REN IN THE YEARS TO
COME!

FAREWELL,
FRIEND!

AND SO, YEARS LATER...

DAVEY JUNIOR SEEMS AS HAPPY
AS IF HE'S PLAYING WITH
INVISIBLE COMPANIONS...
I MUST TELL DAVE
ABOUT IT WHEN
HE COMES
HOME
FROM
WORK
TONIGHT!

THE NEXT TIME
YOU SEE AN
INFANT CHORT-
LING HAPPILY
AS IT STARES
OFF INTO EMPTY
SPACE...OR THE
NEXT TIME A
SMALL CHILD
EXCITEDLY
TELLS YOU HE'S
SEEN A GNOME
...DON'T LAUGH,
READER!
REMEMBER,
THERE'S STILL
ROOM FOR
IMAGINATION
IN THIS WORLD--
AND IT MAKES
FOR WONDERFUL
TALES!

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Hello, there, all you loyal fans of "Adventures Into The Unknown!" It's time once more for another of our old-fashioned talk-fests—for bringing you the sort of news that interests you—and hearing what you've got to say!

These are important and practically earth-shaking days within the realm of comics magazine publishing. Do you remember the theme which we've reiterated constantly within these pages? *Interesting stories, yes—but terror for the sake of terror, never!* Remember that we were the first magazine in this field ever to bring its public strange and fascinating stories of the imagination. We decried would-be imitators who, unable to compete successfully on the same level, adopted publishing policies in which pure horror was accented. And what we were afraid of happened. A wave of indignant public reaction swept into being. This opposition was directed only against a few offenders, not comics in general, for by and large, comics magazines have always been clean and decent. But responsible publishers within this field felt that they owed it to the public to place themselves on record as opposing the offending practices of a small minority. They signified their willingness to submit all their material, in advance of publication, to an impartial review. This board of review is the new Comics Code Authority, which carefully scans all art and story, vetoing anything which it doesn't consider entirely fitting and proper for clean, sane readership.

We are members of the Comics Code, and proud to bring our countless thousands of readers what we consider the level best in comics. And the seal of approval of the Comics Code Authority, occupying the upper, right hand portion of our cover, furnishes proof positive that "Adventures Into The Unknown" is the clean, entertaining type of comics magazine that can be brought safely and happily

into any home—that parents, teachers and church organizations should approve of. And now—as to the *contents* of our magazine under the code. As we have always done, we will continue to shun the undesirable. We've placed the accent on challenging story in the past—and we shall continue to do so. You'll always find fascinating stories of the imagination in this magazine—the best products of the best writers and artists. The contents of this issue will furnish a good example of what we mean. Read our stories carefully, please—and then tell us what you think of them! And tell us what you'd like to see in future issues, please! Address your letters to The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown," 45 East 45th Street, New York 36, N. Y. We'll publish it if space conditions permit. Meanwhile, just in case you'd like to know what some of our *other* readers are saying, here's a sampling!

"Dear Editor:—

I've just finished reading my latest copy of "Adventures Into The Unknown" and I just have to tell you what I think of it. I consider yours a fine, but above all a *decent* publication. Keep up your excellent work!

—Hugh Bruce, Brooklyn, N. Y."

"Dear Editor:—

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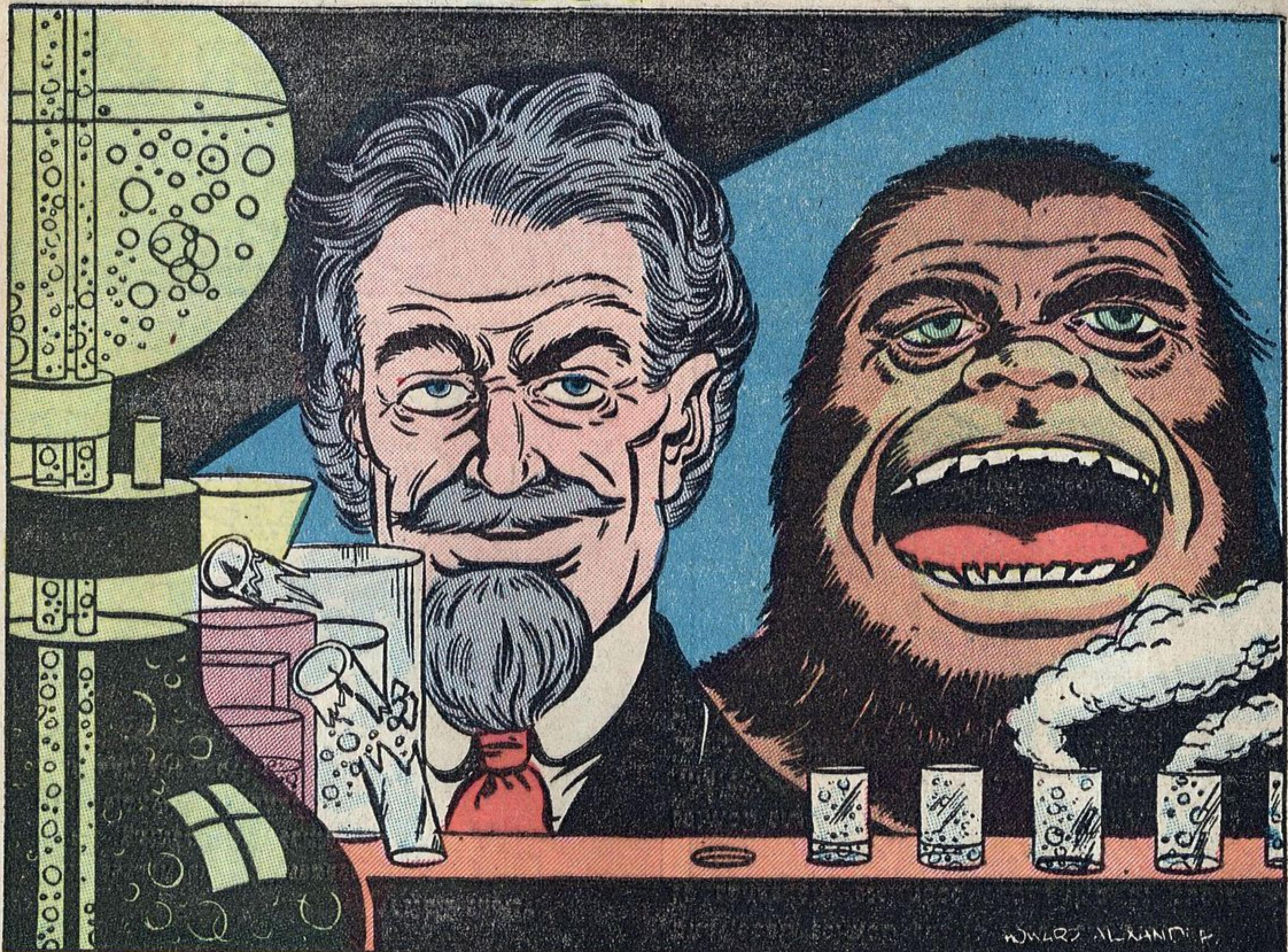
"Dear Editor:—

I've been a reader of "Adventures Into The Unknown" since its opening issue, and have always found it a wholesome, exciting magazine, free from the nauseating ugliness of some others. Keep it the good, old-fashioned book that's always thrilled and satisfied its ardent readers!

—D. L. Hudson, Casper, Wyo."

ALL PROFESSOR LAMBERT HAD WAS A THEORY! THAT'S HOW THE TROUBLE BEGAN! THIS WASN'T A SIMPLE, ROUTINE LABORATORY EXPERIMENT! THIS WAS DYNAMITE, AND FOR PROFESSOR LAMBERT IT WAS...

CHANGE *and* COUNTERCHANGE!



IN THE CURATOR'S OFFICE OF A LARGE AMERICAN ZOO...

NOW REALLY, LAMBERT--WHAT SORT OF A REQUEST IS THIS? YOU COME IN HERE AND SAY YOU WANT TO BORROW A GORILLA BECAUSE YOU WANT TO PROVE A THEORY! THEN WHEN I ASK YOU QUESTIONS, YOU BECOME ANGRY!

IT'S NOT THE QUESTIONS, PARKINS--IT'S THE THOUGHT BEHIND YOUR GRIN! YOU THINK ME MAD LIKE ALL THE OTHERS!

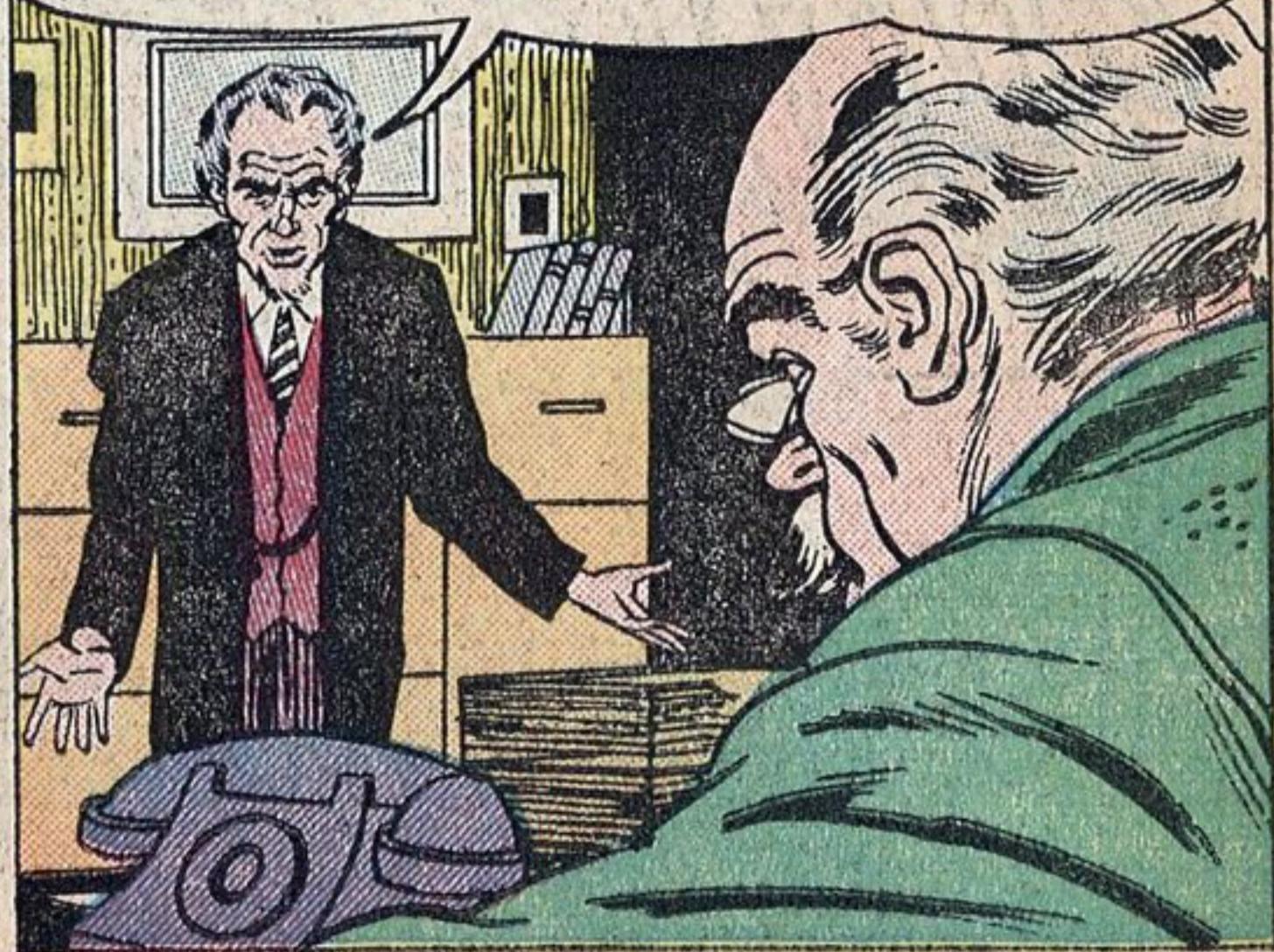
NOW THAT'S HARDLY FAIR! WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER THIRTY YEARS AND I'VE NEVER...

YES, THIRTY YEARS--AND NOW WHEN I ASK FOR ONE SIMPLE FAVOR, YOU TURN ME DOWN!

I HAVEN'T TURNED YOU DOWN YET! IT-- IT'S JUST YOUR FAR-FETCHED THEORY! THIS BUSINESS OF CHANGING THE BASIC NATURE OF A BEAST BY MEANS OF HUMAN BRAIN HORMONES IS A LITTLE HARD TO SWALLOW!

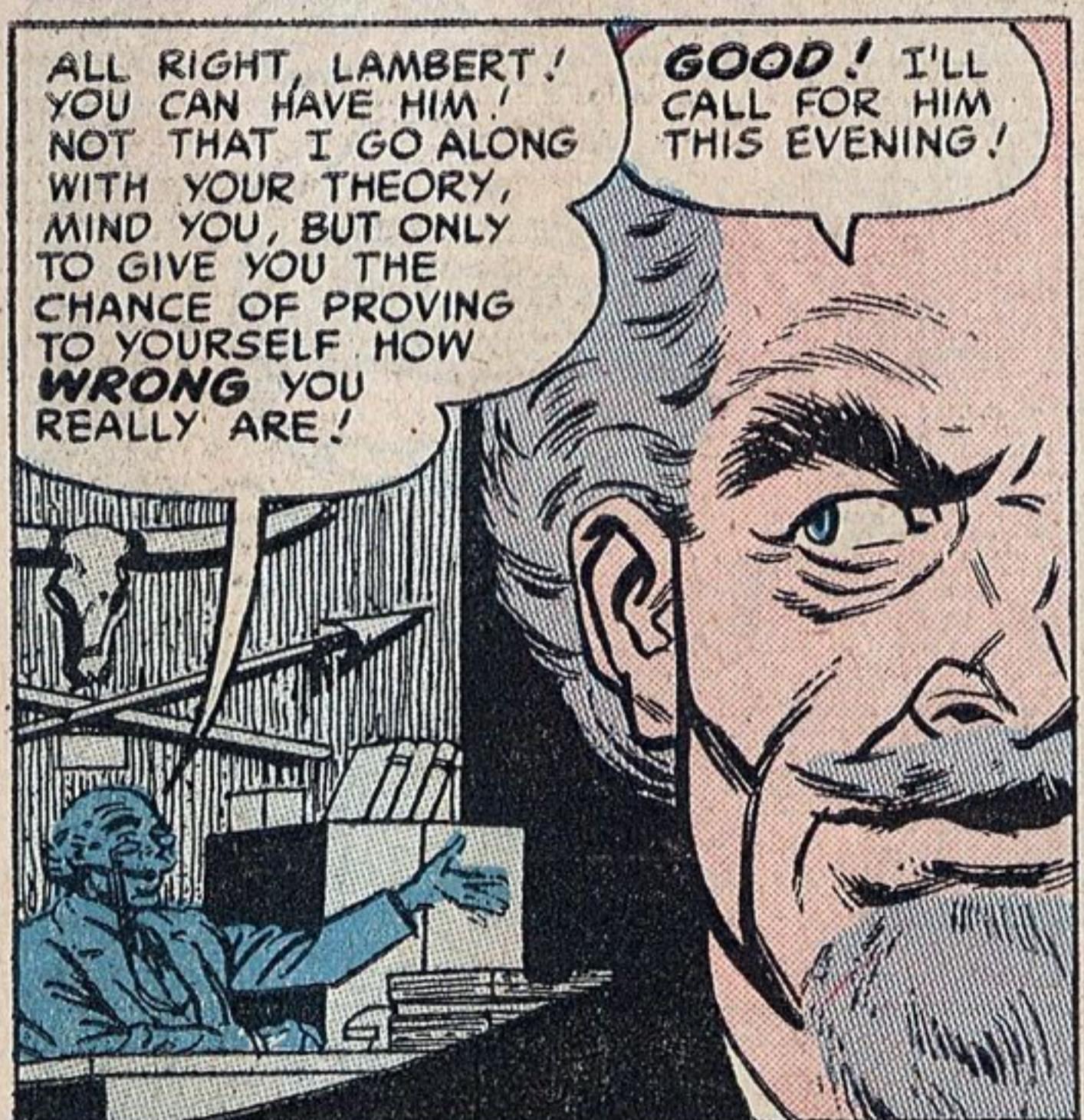
ANY NEW IDEA IS ATTACKED AT THE START-- BUT I'M CONVINCED THAT I'LL SUCCEED!

YOU HAVE A GORILLA, PARKINS-- THE ONE CALLED BOBO! HE HASN'T BEEN DOING TOO WELL-- HE'S NOT EVEN EXHIBITED! IN SIX MONTHS, HE MAY BE DEAD! AT LEAST GIVE ME THE CHANCE OF TRYING MY SERUM! THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING FOR-- A CHANCE!



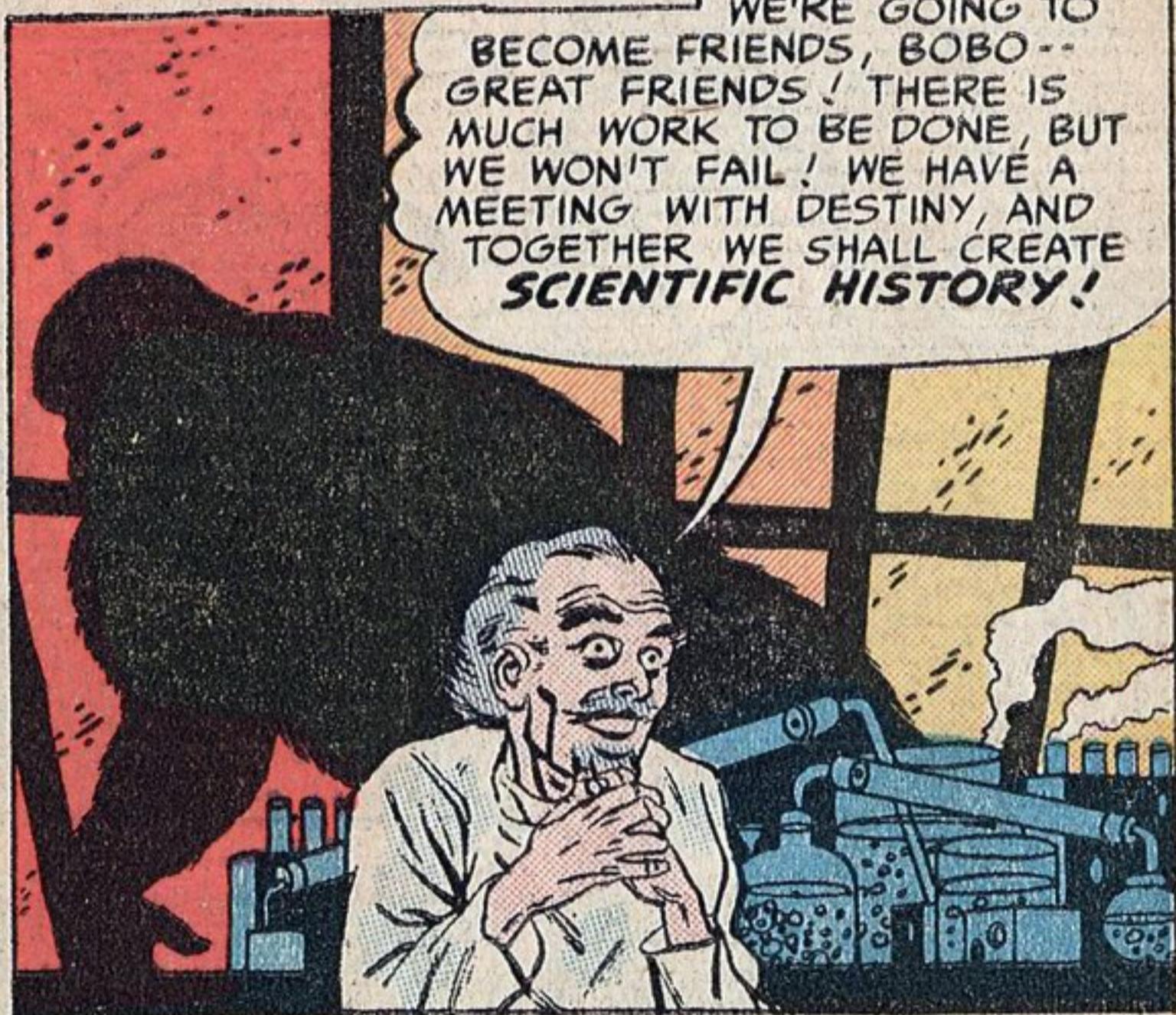
ALL RIGHT, LAMBERT! YOU CAN HAVE HIM! NOT THAT I GO ALONG WITH YOUR THEORY, MIND YOU, BUT ONLY TO GIVE YOU THE CHANCE OF PROVING TO YOURSELF HOW WRONG YOU REALLY ARE!

GOOD! I'LL CALL FOR HIM THIS EVENING!



AND SO BOBO WAS TRANSFERRED TO PROFESSOR LAMBERT'S LABORATORY...

WE'RE GOING TO BECOME FRIENDS, BOBO-- GREAT FRIENDS! THERE IS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE, BUT WE WON'T FAIL! WE HAVE A MEETING WITH DESTINY, AND TOGETHER WE SHALL CREATE SCIENTIFIC HISTORY!



THEN, PROFESSOR LAMBERT DONNED A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED GAS MASK...

IT'S ALL RIGHT, BOBO! THIS WON'T HURT A BIT! IT'S ONLY A LITTLE ETHER-- SOMETHING TO HELP YOU SLEEP!



STEADY, BOY! IT WILL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE!



THE PULSE IS STEADY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO WORK QUICKLY BEFORE THE ETHER HAS A CHANCE TO WEAR OFF! THERE'S NO TURNING BACK NOW! FOR TWENTY YEARS I HAVE WORKED ON MY SERUM, AND I'VE GOT TO KNOW-- I MUST!

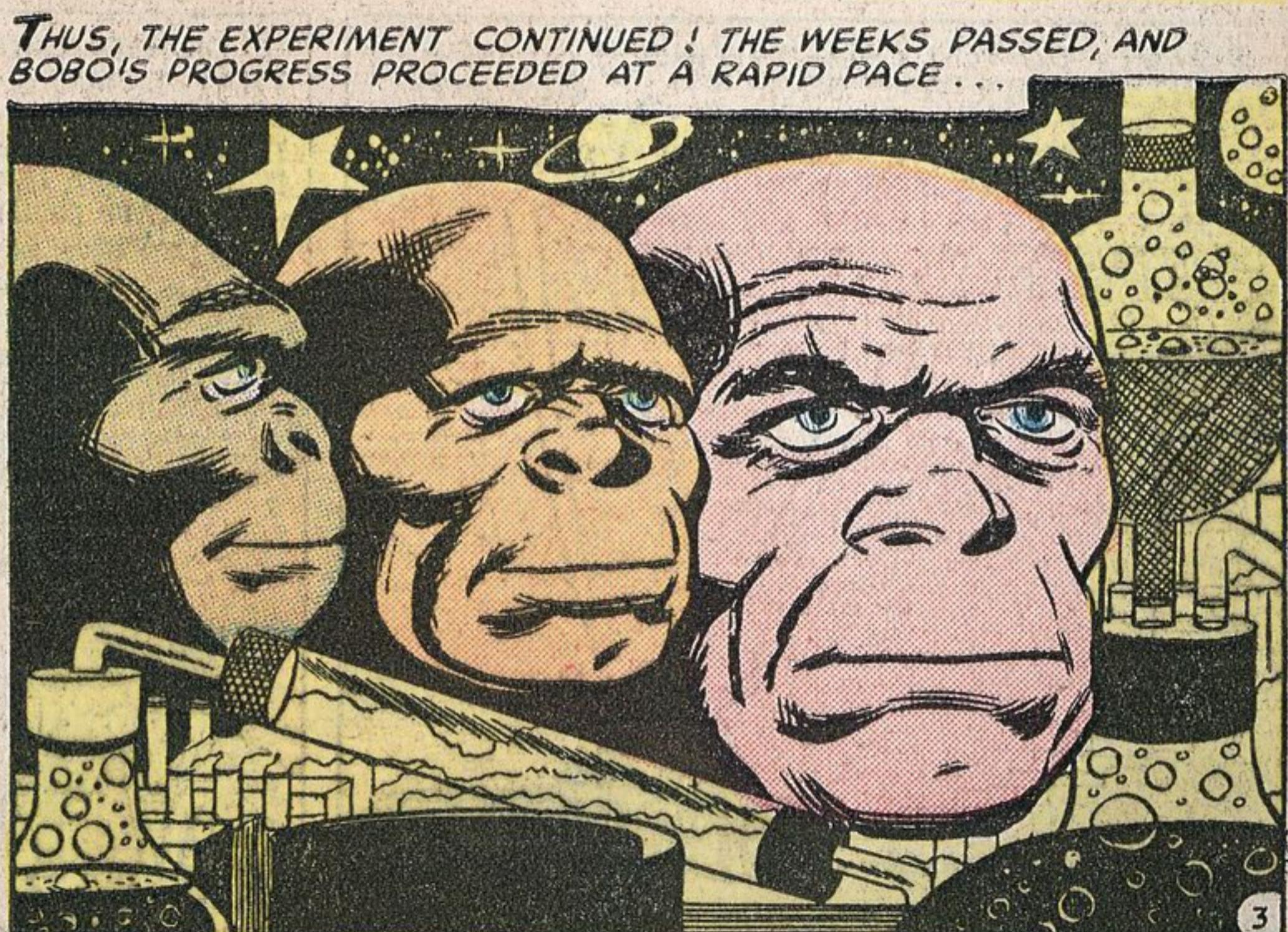
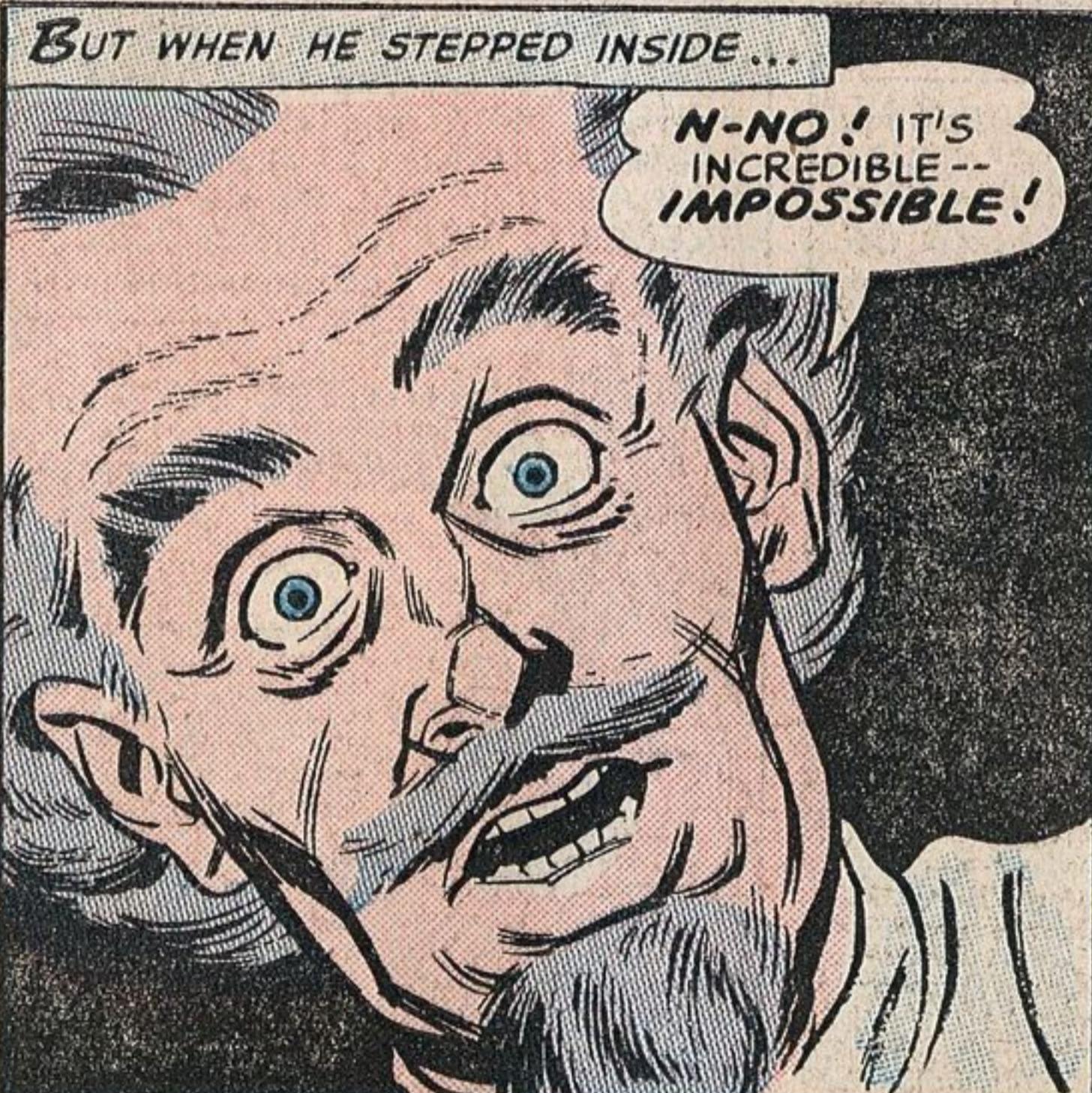


IT'S DONE! EVEN NOW THE HUMAN BRAIN HORMONE FLOWS THROUGH HIS VEINS! WHAT EFFECT WILL IT HAVE? CAN THIS BRUTE FORM BE CHANGED, OR HAVE MY TWENTY YEARS OF WORK BEEN NOTHING BUT A WASTE? ONLY TIME WILL TELL!

A LONG NIGHT OF RESTLESS WAITING FOLLOWED...

DAWN... TIME FOR ME TO GET BACK! THE SERUM MUST BE INJECTED AT REGULAR INTERVALS! THE FLOW MUST BE UNINTERRUPTED AND CONTINUOUS!

THERE'S NO SOUND FROM INSIDE! IT COULDN'T BE THE ETHER -- IT SHOULD HAVE WORN OFF HOURS AGO! COULD SOMETHING HAVE GONE **WRONG**? PERHAPS HE'S...



AND WHEN ANOTHER MONTH HAD PASSED...

I... AM...
BOBO! YOU
ARE...
PROFESSOR...

EXCELLENT, BOBO--
SUPERB! IN ONE MONTH
YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT
WOULD NORMALLY TAKE
YEARS-- BUT WE MUST **GO
ON!** THERE IS STILL A
GREAT DEAL TO BE DONE!

SO THE WORK PROCEEDED, WITH PROFESSOR
LAMBERT MAKING CAREFUL ENTRIES IN HIS
SCIENTIFIC LOG...

.. THE BRAIN SERUM
CONTINUES TO WORK AT INCREDIBLE SPEED!
SINCE TRIPLED THE DOSAGE, BOBO'S
CAPACITY TO ABSORB KNOWLEDGE HAS
BECOME ENORMOUS! HIS VOCABULARY IS
PRODIGIOUS. IN THREE WEEKS, HE HAS
LEARNED ADVANCED CALCULUS, AND NOW
HE HAS TAKEN TO HELPING ME IN THE LAB!

AND THEY CALLED ME **MAD**--
MY THEORY THE WORKINGS
OF A **LUNATIC**! WELL,
THEY'LL THINK DIFFERENTLY
WHEN I PRESENT MY FIND-
INGS TO THE WORLD!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

WELL, BOBO...
KEEPING
BUSY?

QUITE, PROFESSOR
LAMBERT! I'VE
BEEN STUDYING
THE EFFECTS OF
ANTIBODIES ON
RED BLOOD CELLS!
THE RATE OF
ABSORPTION PER
MILLIGRAM IS MINUS
FOURTEEN!

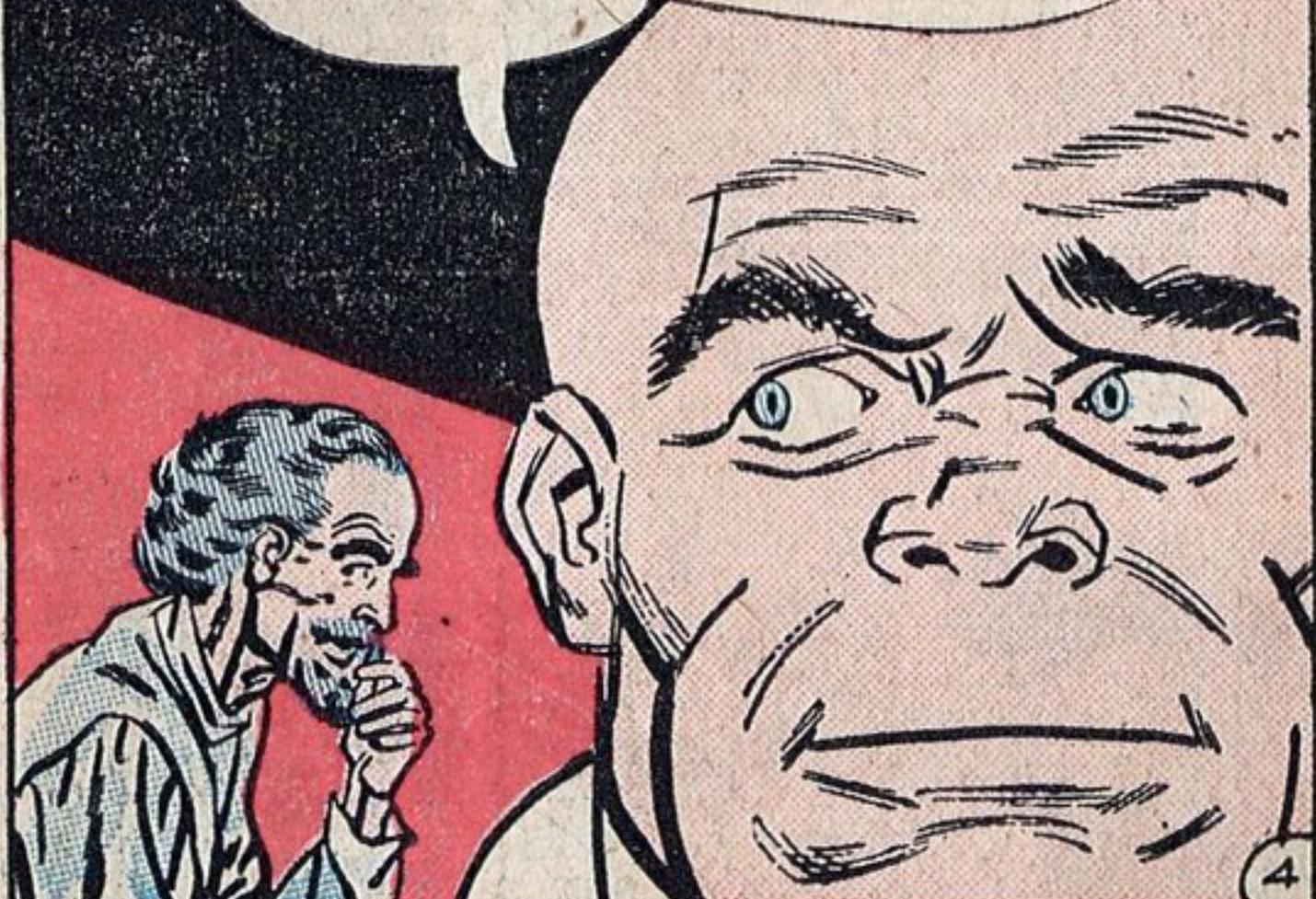
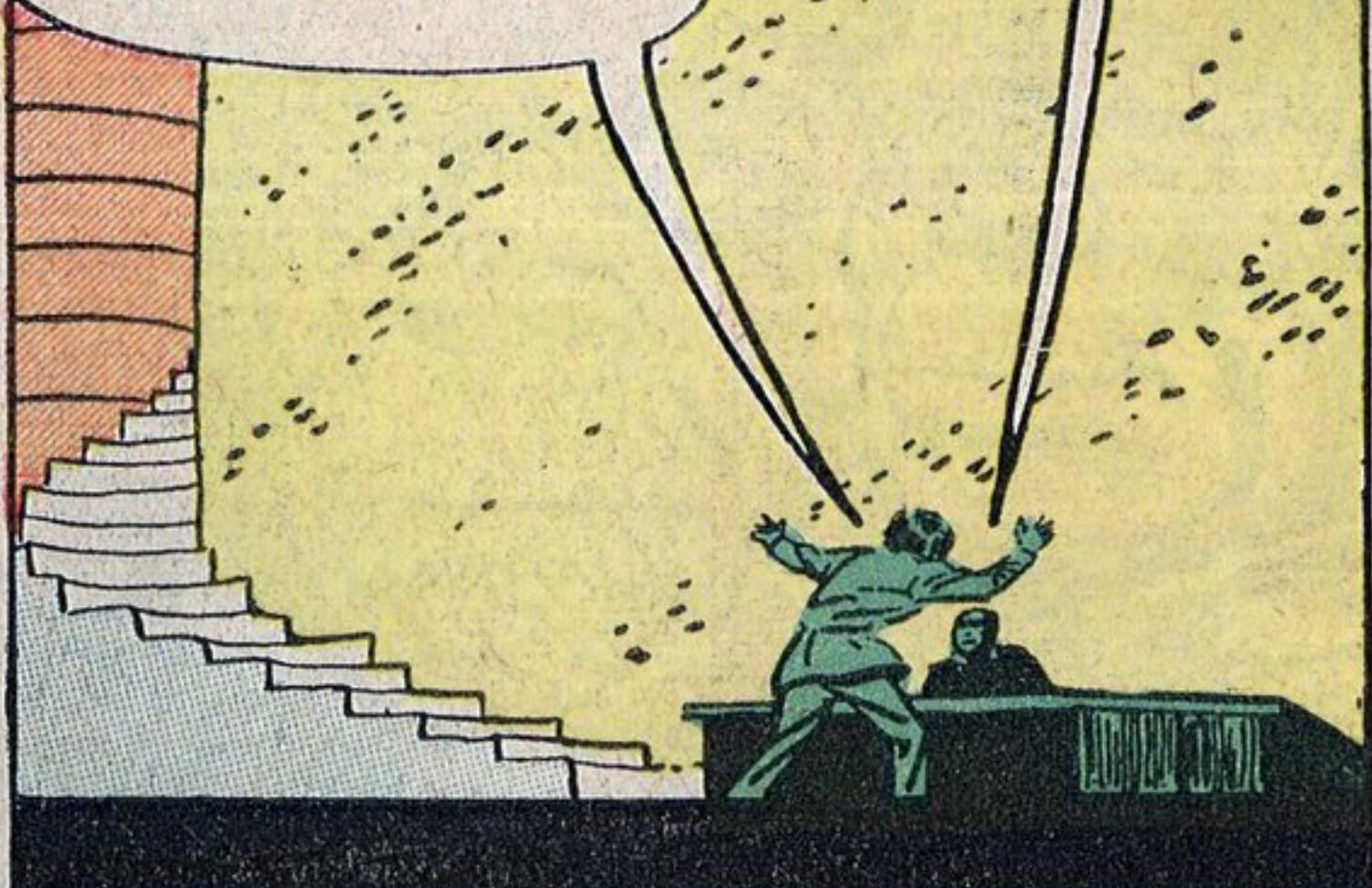
I'M PROUD OF YOU, BOBO--
REALLY **PROUD**! AND THAT
BRINGS UP SOMETHING I'VE
BEEN MEANING TO SPEAK TO
YOU ABOUT! I'LL BE READY TO
PRESENT YOU TO THE SOCIETY
OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHERS IN
ABOUT TWO WEEKS!

THAT
SOON...?

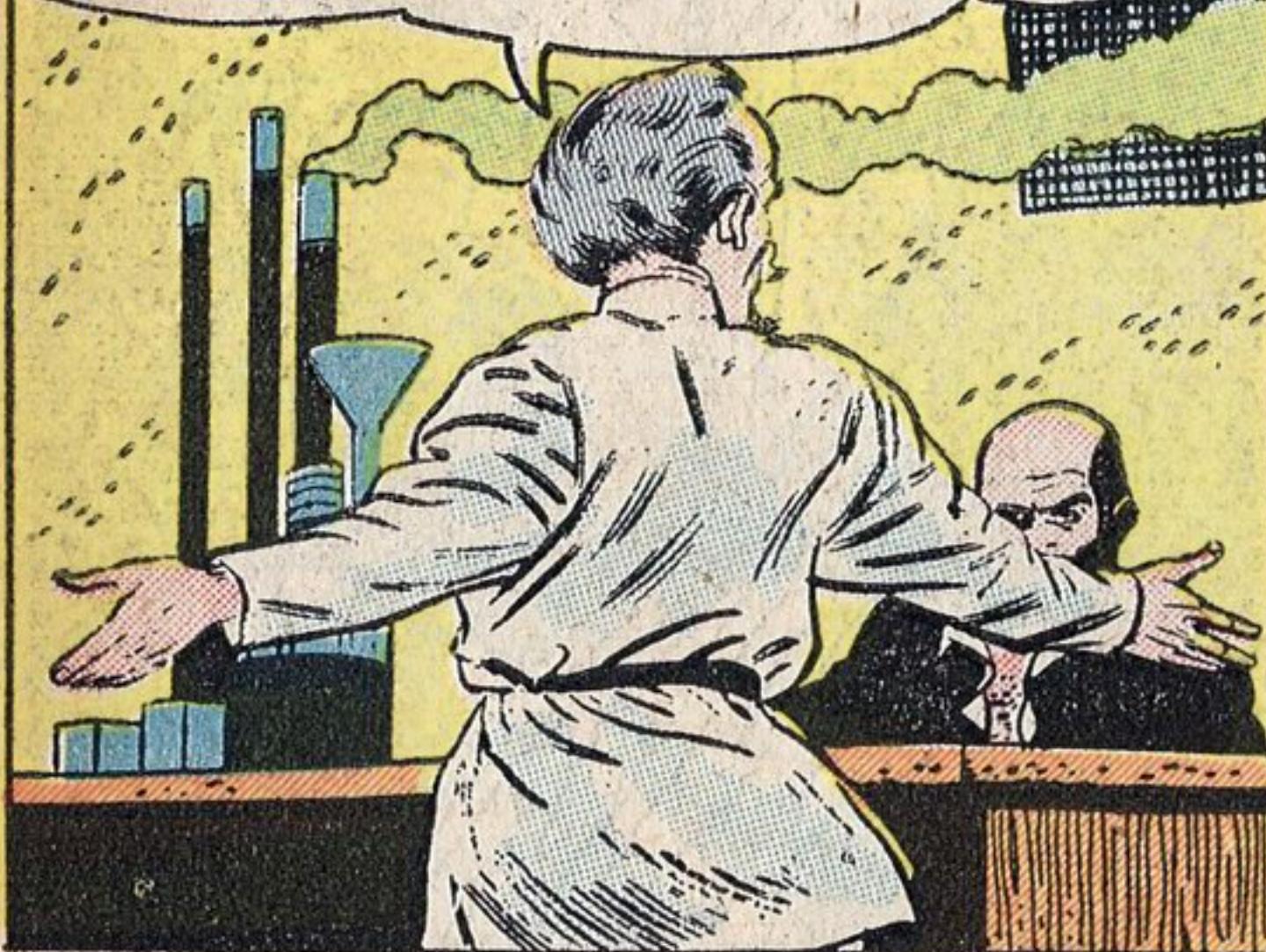
SOON! DO YOU CALL WAITING
TWENTY YEARS TOO SOON?
THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS
TO BE SYMPATHETIC! CONSIDER
ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU!
AREN'T YOU THE LEAST BIT
GRATEFUL FOR MY CHANGING
YOU INTO A MAN?

IT GOES
BEYOND
THAT,
PROFESSOR!

I DIDN'T ASK TO BE CHANGED, BUT NOW
THAT I AM, I HAVE MY FEELINGS... THE
SAME AS ANY OTHER MAN! I DON'T WANT
TO BECOME A **CURIOSITY**! TO BE PROBED,
POKED AND GAPED AT! I WANT TO **FOR-
GET** MY BRUTE PAST! I WANT TO LIVE
WITH DIGNITY, IN PEACE AND WITH MY
WORK!



OF ALL THE RIDICULOUS STATEMENTS I'VE HEARD, **YOURS** SURPASSES THEM ALL! THEY SAY THE CLOWN ALWAYS WANTS TO PLAY TRAGEDY--AND NOW YOU, THE **PEANUT EATER**, INSISTS ON BEING A MAN--AND WITH **DIGNITY!**



NOW GET **THIS!** IN TWO WEEKS, MY PAPER WILL BE FINISHED! WE WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE SOCIETY, AS I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU! THOSE ARE MY PLANS, AND THERE WILL BE **NO CHANGES!** DO YOU **UNDERSTAND?**

YES...
PERFECTLY!



AND AS THE TWO WEEK PERIOD DREW TO A CLOSE, PROFESSOR LAMBERT CONCLUDED HIS THESIS...

... AND IN CONCLUSION, I CAN STATE WITH CERTAINTY THAT THE MANIPULATION OF SPECIES HAS FINALLY BEEN ATTAINED... AND THE DOORS TO A NEW SCIENTIFIC ERA HAVE BEEN THROWN OPEN TO ALL!

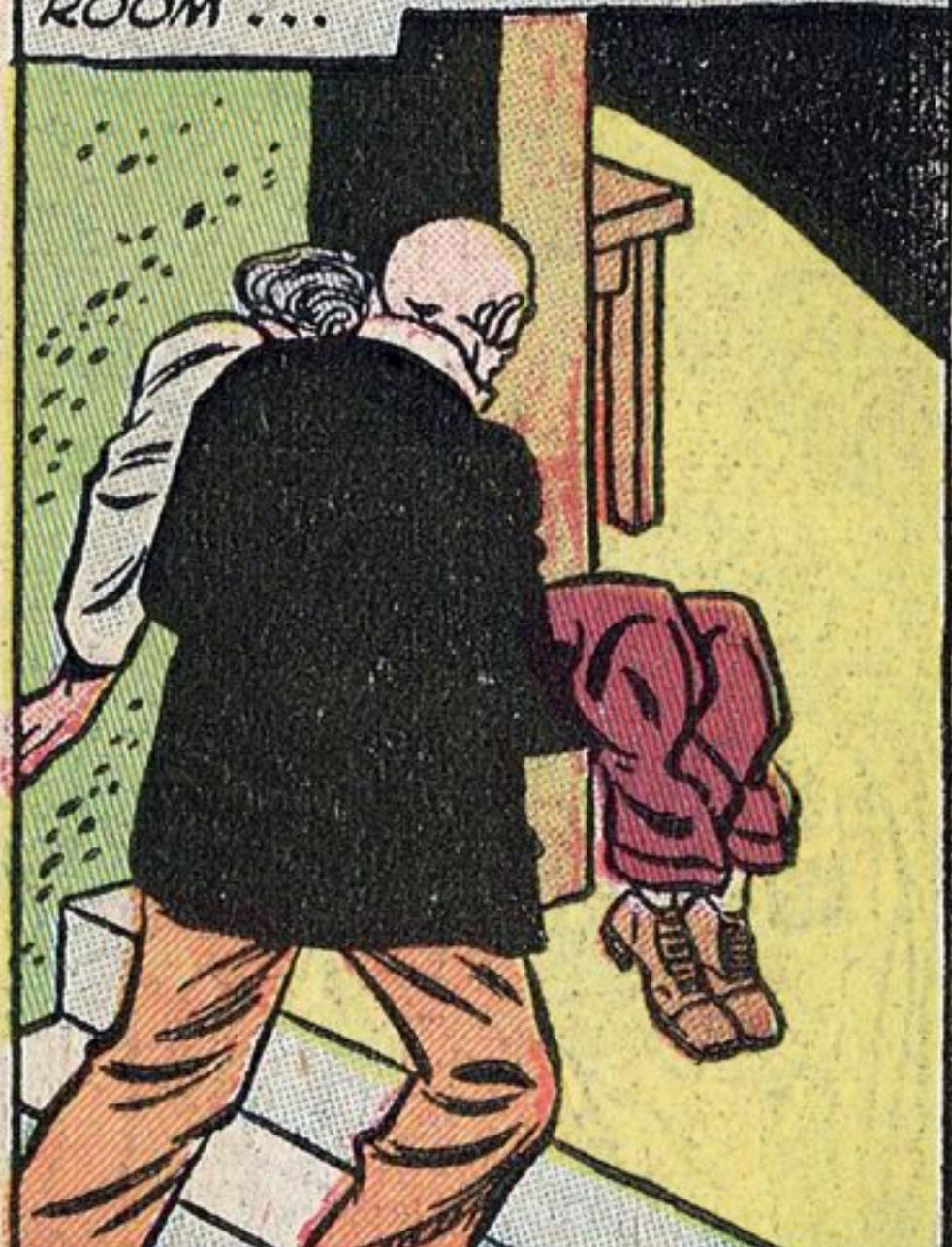


SUDDENLY...

...ALTHOUGH MY OWN ROLE --
OH--HH!



BOBO CARRIED THE UNCONSCIOUS MAN FROM THE ROOM ...



--AND INTO THE LAB...

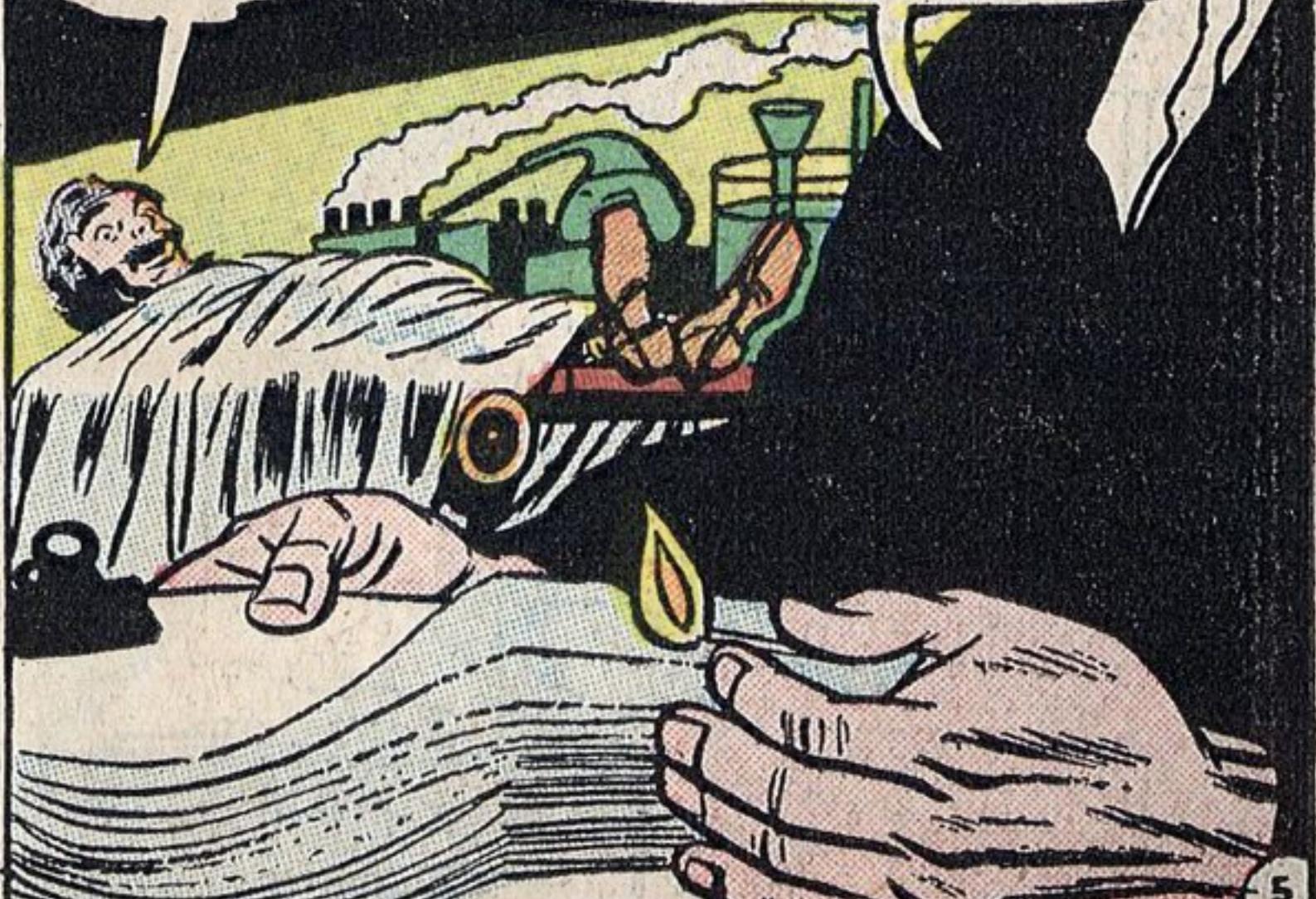
W-WHERE AM I? WHAT HAPPENED?

REGRETTABLY, I'VE BEEN COMPELLED TO CHANGE OUR ROLES, PROFESSOR! I AM NOW... SHALL WE SAY... **MASTER?**



MY THESIS!
YOU'RE BURNING IT!
STOP!

IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT, PROFESSOR! YOU WON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER NEED FOR IT! I'VE BURNED ALL THE OTHER RECORDS, TOO!



MOMENTS LATER ...

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? THAT BOTTLE-- WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

WE ARE ABOUT TO PERFORM AN EXPERIMENT! ONLY NOW YOU WILL BE THE SUBJECT!

ACTUALLY, PROFESSOR, I'M GREATLY IN-DEBTED TO YOU-- MOST OF ALL, FOR TEACHING ME SCIENCE! I HOPE YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED IN YOUR PUPIL!

N-NO, BOBO... DON'T!

COME, PROFESSOR, YOU MUST CO-OPERATE! YOU MUST BE AS GOOD A SUBJECT AS I WAS!

I ASKED YOU NOT TO MAKE A SPECTACLE OF ME! I AM A MAN LIKE YOU, BUT YOU COULD THINK OF ME ONLY AS THE BRUTE I ONCE WAS! I WASN'T GOING TO BE GAPED AT, AND I WON'T!

FOR SEVERAL DAYS, BOBO MADE FREQUENT TRIPS TO THE LAB! THEN, LATE ON THE FIFTH DAY...

PROFESSOR... CAN YOU HEAR ME?

THEN HE THREW ON THE LIGHTS...

AH, THERE YOU ARE! AND IMPROVING ALL THE TIME! BUT PERHAPS WE SHOULD DOUBLE THE DOSAGE!

NO... NO MORE... PLEASE DON'T...

COME NOW, PROFESSOR! YOU ARE THE COLD, SCIENTIFIC TYPE! YOU MUST BE OBJECTIVE!



IF YOU WILL FORGIVE THE PUN, PROFESSOR, ALL I'VE DONE IS **APE** YOU! I HAVE SIMPLY REVERSED YOUR **BRAIN HORMONE**, AND USED **GORILLA SERUM** INSTEAD! IT'S QUITE POWERFUL, PROFESSOR! I THINK ONE MORE DOSE SHOULD DO IT!

NO...NO!

I'M SORRY, PROFESSOR, BUT THERE IS NO TURNING BACK! THERE SIMPLY **ISN'T!**

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, IN THE ZOO DIRECTOR'S OFFICE...

I NEVER KNEW PROFESSOR LAMBERT **HAD** AN ASSISTANT, MR. GORZAK! YOU SAY YOU'VE BEEN WITH HIM ABOUT SIX MONTHS NOW?

JUST ABOUT THAT, DOCTOR PARKINS. OF COURSE, HIS GOING ABROAD LAST WEEK IS A GREAT LOSS TO ME! HE HAD TAUGHT ME **SO** MUCH!

FUNNY HE DIDN'T CALL AND LET ME KNOW! NOT LIKE LAMBERT AT ALL!

IT WAS QUITE SUDDEN! A COMMISSION WITH A NEW RESEARCH FOUNDATION IN SOUTH AFRICA! THAT'S WHY I'M HERE! HE ASKED ME TO RETURN SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO YOU! **IT'S WAITING DOWNSTAIRS!**

OFFICE N.Y. ZOO

WHY, IT'S **BOBO!** HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S CHANGED MUCH, EITHER!

UNFORTUNATELY, NO! IT WAS A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO PROFESSOR LAMBERT! YOU MIGHT SAY TWENTY YEARS OF HARD WORK **WASTED!**

OF COURSE, I NEVER WENT ALONG WITH HIS THEORY! HIS NOTION THAT A **BRAIN SERUM** COULD CHANGE ANIMALS INTO SOMETHING ELSE WAS REALLY **MAD!** I PRACTICALLY TOLD HIM THAT HE'D MAKE A MONKEY OF HIMSELF!

DID YOU **REALLY?**

IT WAS ONLY A FIGURE OF SPEECH, MR. GORZAK!

OF COURSE, DR. PARKINS! **GR-RRR! RRR-ROW!** **WHAT ELSE?**

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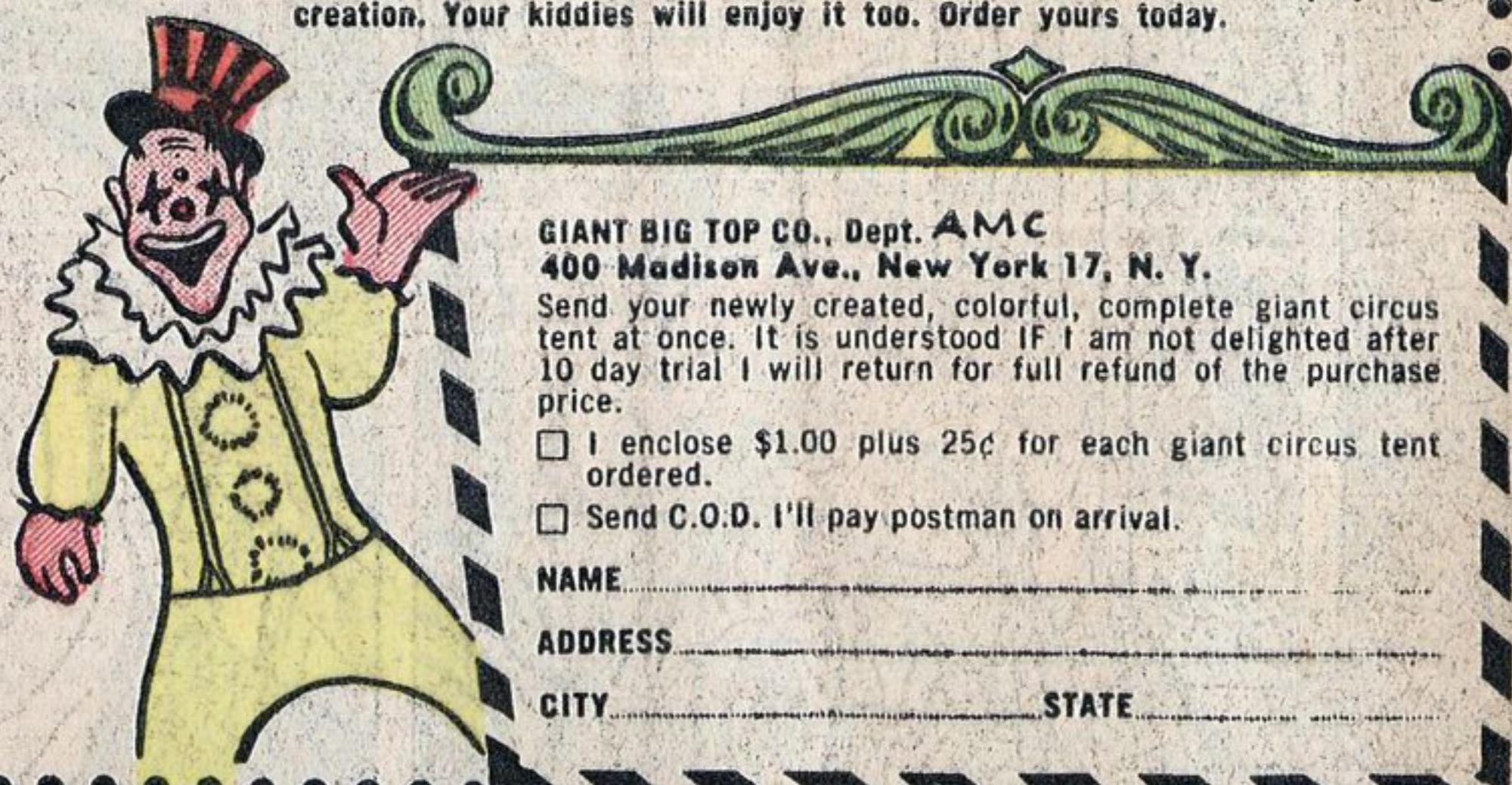


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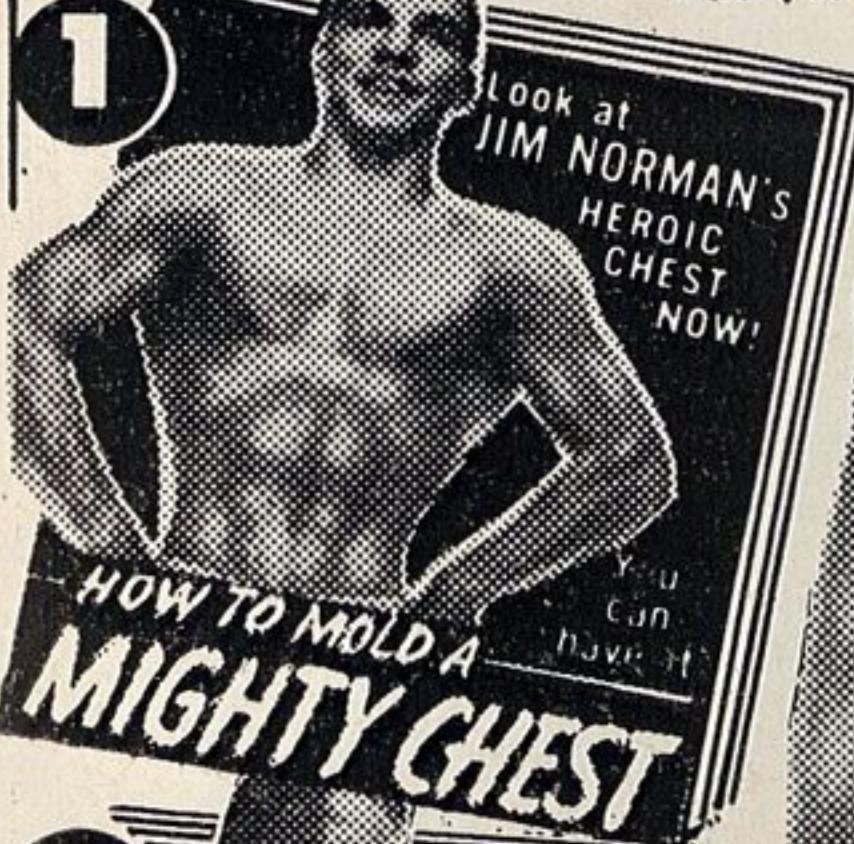
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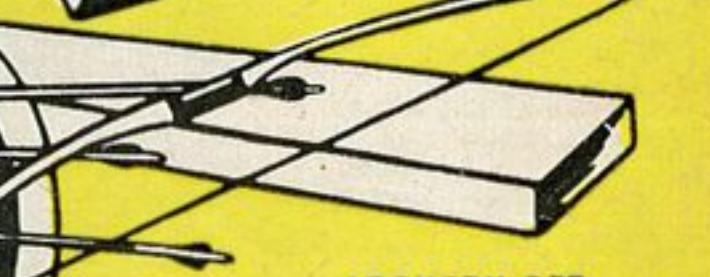
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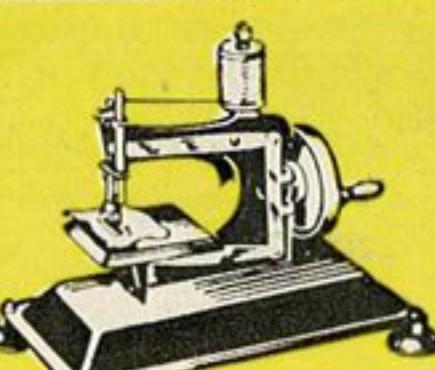
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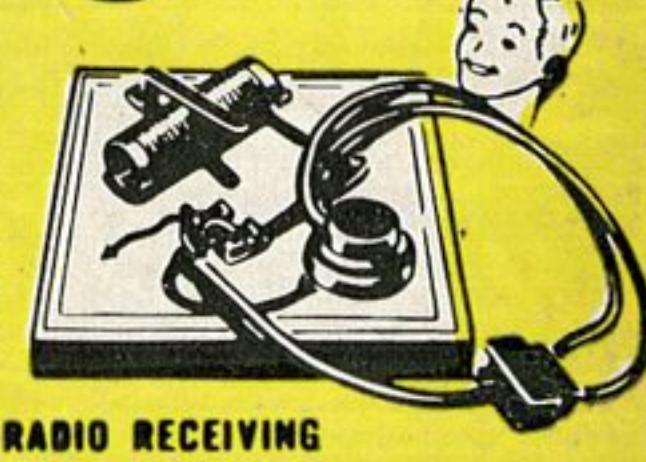
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